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Mary Racey Ridgway

Ninth in descent from

Thomas Skidmore.

October Fifth, 1911.

Capt. Hubbard Skidmore
see page 56.

I Thomas Skidmore - or Scudamore.
Born about 1600; came to this country 1635.
Married Ellen -
Died in Fairfield, Conn., 1684.
His son - probably Thomas -
II. ~~John~~, Thomas, or Joseph, doubt existing as to which was the father of (see page 45)
III John Skidmore, Sr.
Married Sarah Smith
Will proven Feb. 17, 1737.
His son,
IV John Skidmore, Jr.
Married Susannah
Will proven in New York Feb. 17, 1762.
His son
V Joshua Skidmore,
Born in 1744.

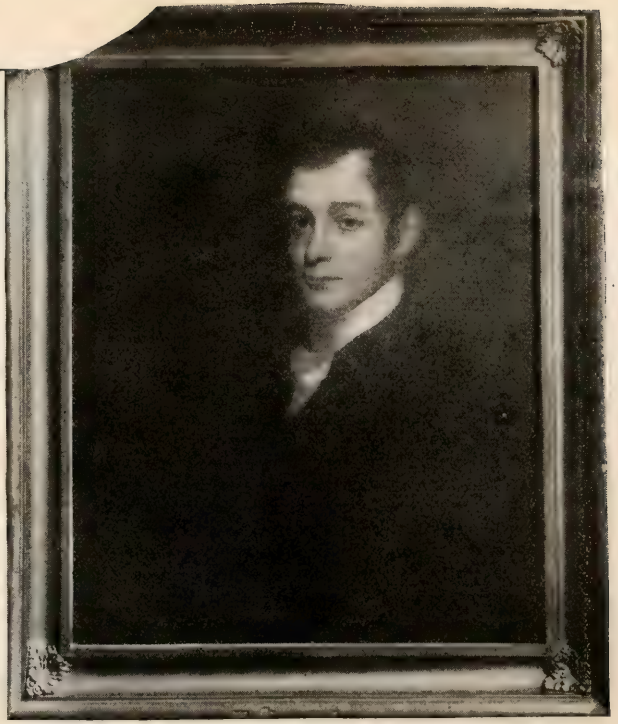
Married Mary Titus
on Dec. 8, 1766.
Died Oct. 31, 1822.
His son,

VI Hubbard Sidmore
Born on L. I. Nov. 1, 176
Married Hannah McCo
April 16, 1800
Died May 28, 1841
His daughter

VII Sarah Maria Sidmore
Born June 4, 1804
Married James Lawrence
Ridgway, June 3, 1827.
Died Dec. 7, 1868
Her son

VIII Frank Ridgway
Born June 18, 1840

Married Mary Helen Tracy
June 12, 1862.
Died April 6, 1911 -
His daughter
IX Mary Tracy Ridgway



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Emma Jackson McCoun, the Author's Maternal Grandmother, of Huguenot Descent

Hon. William T. McCoun, Miss Marbury's Maternal Grandfather, Lawyer and Gentleman Farmer

In the Oval—Miss Marbury's Mother. The Silhouette Above is of Her Father, Francis Ferdinand Marbury

ancestry, let me state that I was born in New York City in 1856, and was the youngest of five children. We came from a long line of lawyers, with an occasional doctor thrown in to balance the mental with the physical. My maternal grandfather, a Quaker, was Vice Chancellor William T. McCoun, a resident of Warren Street, and a page out of old New York. How often he described being taken, when he was a lad of seven, dressed in a little velvet suit with lace frills at his throat and sleeves, with knee breeches, silk stockings, paste-buckled shoes and a cocked hat, to meet General Washington! My maternal grandmother was a very handsome woman of Huguenot parentage. She was on the reception committee of the ball given to the Marquis of Lafayette, who evidently cherished a memory of her, because he sent her back from France, as a souvenir, a gold needlecase, which is still in my possession.

Wright — Arms — Table, a chevron ingrai[illegible] argent between 3 leur de lys or [illegible] chief of the third three spear head [illegible] creek & dragon's head erased, arge[illegible] palette.

Azure.

1. Thomas Wright, Tempo Henry VI (1422-61)
Born 1436
Died 1510

2. John Wright. Born 1465 and seized of the manor of Quidalls & houses in East Tasham Nov. 32 Henry VIII - [illegible] will dated Aug. 16 - 1540. Paper Prerogative Court of Canterbury 4 June 1549.

3. Nicholas Wright married Anne dau. & co-he[illegible] Edmund Beaupre of Beaupre [illegible] of Outwell Norfolk Sister of Katherine who married his Bro[illegible] Edmund Wright.

4. Nicholas Wright married Ellen Gylbert Obit. 1/10/1582.

5. Nicholas Wright married Margaret Nels[illegible]

6. Peter Wright (Brother of Anthony & Nic[illegible] who all came to Oyster Ba[illegible] Peter Wright (was in Sandwich [illegible] Cape Cod, 1637) married [illegible]

7. Mary Wright, Born 1642 married 10/30/1663, Samuel Ma[illegible]

8. Edward Andrews, Born 16 d. 1st mo, 1677/8 at Oyster Bay, L.I. Died 10/26/1716 at Little Egg Ha[illegible] New Jersey married Sarah Ong, dau. Isaac & Sarah Ong, aug. 2,

ward & Sarah Andrews of Mansfield Downs, Ky
J. Their dau was
Elizabeth Andrews who married
Thomas Ridgway 11/16/1712.

Beaupre Line. (see next page, 3. Nicholas Wright)

Arms:- Argent, on a bend azure,
3 cross-crosslets, Or.

Gilbert de Lyn - Temp. Henry I (1100-1103)
Rennelph de Lyn. apno dyn ejus Norf. Fitz Gilbert
de Lyn - Temp Henry II
Robert, Fitz Rennelph de Lyn. Mayor de Lynn
Warren Fitz Robert de Lyn. Obit his father living 1223
Gilbert Fitz Warren de Lyn - married Richill
living 1238
John Fitz Gilbert married Christian, dau.
& Coheir of Sir Thomas St. Omer.
Robert Le Fitz John Le Fitz Gilbert
married Katherine, dau. of Osbert Mun-
deford
Sir Thomas Beaupre m. Joan dau. of Temp. Ric. II
Rich. Holbrach (1392)
Nicholas Beaupre m. Margaret Will 9/1/1581
Nicholas Beaupre m. Margaret
Will (9/24/1428)
Thomas de Beaupre. Will 10/9/1452
married Margaret dau. of Osbert Mundeford
Nicholas de Beaupre obit (2/20/1514
married Margaret Dorward dau.
Sir Thomas Fotheringay
Edmund de Beaupre de Outwell
married Margery dau. of Sir John Wiseman
Anne - widow in 1518 & 9.
married Nicholas Wright

15. Nicholas Wright m. Ellen Gylbert dau
wm. Gylbert 2/8/1559. D. 1/10/1582
Vicar Barton Surf 1517 - 1531
16. Nicholas Wright m. Margaretta Nelson
9/20/1594

Extracts Reg. St Michael's Church, Barton Surf
" SS. Peter & Paul Church, Mendlin
History of Hundreds of Launditch - Cathen, 1877
St 2. ps 160 - 778.
Visitation of Norfolk 1563. p 33 et seq.

Sieur de Sent Omer came over with
William the Conqueror. They were a branch
the house of Bethune Barons of Bethune
in Artois & advocates or protectors of Arras
This family descended from the
Carlovingian Counts of Artois and ranked
among the most potent and illustrious
houses in Europe.
From Battle Abbey Roll, by Duchess
of Cleveland, Vol. III, pps 918/9.
(Note: Nicholas is the Beaupre & Wright name
that followed them to Oyster Bay.)

Edmund son of Nicholas de Beaupre
who m. Margaret Fotheringay had on his
mother's side an ancestor Sir John
Hawkwood, the last & most famous of
the Condottiere generals. He was born
in Little Hedringham, Essex, 1320.
Knighted by the Black Prince at the
Battle of Poictieres.
Afterward, he plundered France,

e Pope ordered a crusade against him,
nd he went to Italy. Fought against
uscany, Pisa, Florence & Milan.
arried the daughter of the Duke of Milan.
ied in Milan 1390. Erected the English
ospital at Rome in 1380 for travellers to
erusalem. His equestrian portrait
s painted on the wall of the Cathedral
f Milan. (Mr. R. K. Cook of Orange has
copy of this with the coat of arms, received
om the American Consul.)

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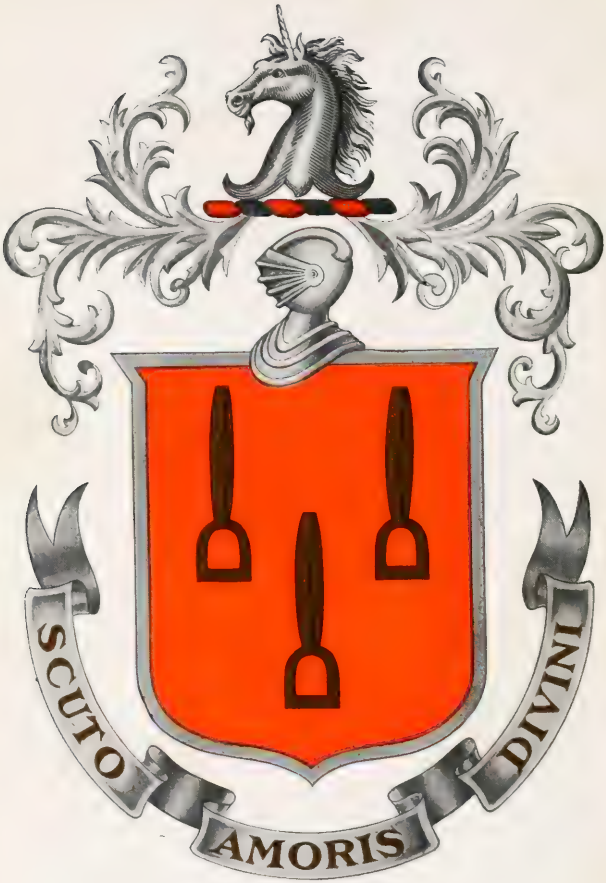

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Thomas Skidmore

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It is wise for us to recur to the history of our ancestors; those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world.

—*Daniel Webster*

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INTRODUCTION.

There is something within me yearns
  For that kindred of long ago,
Who govern my life by turns,
  Whether I will or no.

Louise M. Hodgkins.

Our New England ancestry dates back only about nine generations to Plymouth Rock. The hearthstones of the early settlers have but recently crumbled away. Vines and mosses cover many foundation walls where stood the rude dwellings built one hundred and fifty or two hundred years ago.

The desire to perpetuate the names and deeds of our progenitors has but recently taken possession of us, so strongly have we been influenced by that trait of our New England antecedents, namely, conservatism; a solicitude lest we exalt too highly those quiet, simple, steadfast lives that have contributed so much to our own.

A fear (never expressed, however) that we might find ourselves in some way allied to those "Princes and Lords" of the olden times, who, Robert Burns said, "are but the breath of kings." It is doubtful if our ancestors become a subject of particular interest to us until middle life has drawn about us the mysteries and questionings which come with the passing years. The buoyancy and "simple joy of living" which characterize youthful years leave nothing to be desired while they are ours. For how can the past minister to those whose every thought is satisfied with today, or with dreams of tomorrow? But the time comes when a man likes to think of himself as a link in the family succession. The sources of his strength, physical and mental, have been derived from his progenitors, and he, in turn, desires to contribute to the good of another generation, in some way or form, as may be within his capacity so to do.

When I undertook the work of compiling this book, it was my intent to prepare for my immediate relatives of the Skidmore line a brief *genealogical record* of our branch of the Skidmore family, from the present generation back to our first ancestor here in New England. But the scope of my work has, from time to time, been enlarged, until the book includes many branches of the Skidmore family residing in various

places, with historical and biographical sketches, and records of numerous families that have been connected by marriage with the Skidmore family. The work of bringing together the facts and data for this book involved a very extensive correspondence, and much personal research of records, deeds, and historical papers, together with assistance received from interested friends of the Skidmore family mentioned elsewhere in this book.

I have personally visited the various towns in which the early Skidmore families resided on Long Island and in Connecticut, that I might secure the proper *setting,* and present a more interesting background for the characters who figured in the days of which I write. I have also studied the early history of these towns, the churches, and the political spirit as it manifested itself during the struggle for liberty.

Genealogy may properly be regarded in the light of a science, which it is destined to become.

There are various ways of presenting the results of genealogical research.

Genealogy is not only an *orderly and accurate record* of successive generations descending from a common ancestor, but it is much more than this. It is a history, if properly presented, of periods of time, showing the customs, trend of thought, and the struggles of men. It is, moreover, a study in *heredity,* and in this light it offers a most interesting field for investigation.

There is a *"study of families,"* the transmission of physical and mental endowments, and the influence of environment on the individual.

President Eliot of Harvard College has said that "Permanence of domicile, and, to some extent, the transmission of a trade or profession from father to son lead to superior stock." It has likewise been shown that in families where superior abilities appear, the number of children exceeds the average.

Galton laid down a law of heredity, saying that "One half of the sum of our inheritance is from our parents, and one fourth from our grandparents."

In compiling this genealogy I have found my self-imposed task not only an arduous one, but a fascinating work, which I shall lay down, perhaps, with something akin to regret.

Of the delightful friendships formed with many persons bearing the Skidmore name, or descended from this family, I may not here speak, only to say they have been one of the compensations of the work, possibly the greatest.

I also hope that this book may be the foundation of a more extensive work, which in future years will be undertaken by another.

The origin of the Skidmore family—its early history—is of unusual interest; I am of the opinion that few New England families present so fascinating and honorable a history.

This book is dedicated to those who bear the Skidmore name, or who are descendants therefrom.

It was written by me at Brookfield Center, Conn., during the years 1908, 1909, 1910.

EMILY C. HAWLEY,

a descendant in the ninth generation of Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer, through her mother, Esther M. Skidmore-Hawley.

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ORIGIN OF THE NAME SKIDMORE

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CHAPTER I.

THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME SKIDMORE.

The surname *Skidmore,* or *Scudamore* and *Scudamour* (the earlier spelling), is derived from the Norman-French *"Escu d'amour,"* from which came the original family name *Escudamour* or Scudamore, as it appears on the French and English records. In Norman-French and Anglo-French, otherwise called Anglo-Norman, "amour" and "amur" regularly appear side by side. The early writing of the name would be *Escu d'amour,* or *Escu damur.* The apostrophe was not used in early French.

Our first ancestor in America subscribed himself Thomas Scudamore; his name, however, appears as Thomas Scidmore on the town records at Huntington, Long Island, although on the "Huntington Patent" his name is written Thomas Scudamore. Several of the Long Island Skidmore families still use the earlier spelling, namely Scidmore.

The grandson of the first settler, John Skidmore of Stratford, Conn., wrote his name on the records of *Christ Church, Stratford,* as "John Scudamore." He was one of the founders of that church. Later, the descendants of these early settlers employed the shorter spelling, *Skidmore* and *Skidmur,* occasionally "Scidmore." These names, however, are derived from the one *origin* mentioned above.

SKIDMORE COAT-OF-ARMS.

The blazon of the *arms* borne by the Scudamore family of England and their descendants in New England is as follows:

"Gules, three stirrups, leathers and buckles or. Crest: A unicorn's head erased sable, platee."

The arms illuminated show: Three stirrups in gold, on a dark red shield-field: with the armorial device surmounted by a crest, a unicorn's head in sable.

During the days of the barons, the *Scudamore family* was celebrated for its splendid *horsemanship,* and superior breed of *horses.* From this fact, I judge, came the *emblem* on the *shield-field* in the *family coat-of-arms.*

The first coat-of-arms carried by the Skidmore family was:

"The Cross, pattee fitche."

The *crest* over the arms at an early period was *"Out of a ducal coronet, Or. A lion's jamb, Sa."*

This was superseded by the one now in use, which is given in this book.

MOTTO OF THE SKIDMORE FAMILY.

Scutum Amoris Divini (shield of divine love) is the motto of the family, and may be used in connection with the coat-of-arms.

It is derived from the Norman-French, *Escu d'amour,* from which came the family name. "Escu" is a fairly early form of "Scutum," and "amour" will be easily recognized as a derivation of the Latin "amor."

The family motto is often written *Scuto Amoris Divini* (with the shield of divine love). I prefer this rendering, and it is the one which I have used in connection with the *coat-of-arms* for this book.

The Rose Garden, at Scudamore Manor-House
Holme Lacy, Herefordshire, England

ENGLISH ANCESTRY

In compiling this chapter on the English ancestry, I have had access to the following works, viz. Collins' Peerage, Matthew Gibson's View of Dore Abbey, English Biography, Landed Gentry by Burke, and private correspondence with persons residing in England.

The description of the manor-house, Holme Lacy, Herefordshire, was secured through the courtesy of the special correspondent of the London Herald, who visited the mansion at the time of its recent sale in 1910 to an Australian banker.

From a small photograph which he took at that time, of the manor-house, I had a plate prepared for the half-tone etching which appears in this book.

I might add that I have spared neither trouble nor expense to secure the other pictures of Holme Lacy, and of the beautiful gardens and hedges which surround it; these photographs being especially prepared for me by a London artist.

The Bedding-Out-Gardens, Scudamore Manor-House
Holme Lacy, Herefordshire, England

CHAPTER II.

ENGLISH ANTECEDENTS.

1066.

The *Skidmore family* can trace an unbroken line of descent in English pedigree.

Thomas Skidmore (Scudamore)—of the Massachusetts and Connecticut Colonies in New England, and Huntington, Long Island—descended from a *Norman ancestor* who, as one of the captains of *William the Conqueror's invading army, had his name inscribed on the †*"Roll of Battle Abbey"* as *"Seynt Scudamore"* (Saint).

The Scudamore family came from northern France into England when William I. (the Conqueror) established himself on the throne of England about 1066.

The Scudamore family is distinguished in English history, being one of the most eminent families in the west of England. They were strong Royalists, and resided mostly in Herefordshire County on the Wales border.

The chief city in this county is Hereford, the seat of the noble cathedral.

The Scudamores became people of great wealth and influence. The family divided into two main branches, one known as the **Scudamores of Holme Lacy,** Herefordshire.

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* William, Duke of Normandy, upon the death of King Edward the Confessor, who had appointed him his successor, defeated the English army on the field of Hastings and with his Norman soldiers entered England and became sovereign in 1066, under the title of William the Conqueror. The *feudal system* was at this period introduced into England. Although an arbitrary monarch, his reign was marked by ability and many useful acts. He caused a survey to be made of all the lands and estates of England, with an estimate of their value, and an enumeration of the inhabitants of every class. This record, known as the Domesday or Doomsday Book, is carefully preserved in the Public Records Office, London.

† **The Roll of Battle Abbey.** This *Roll* was a list of those who fought under *William the Conqueror* at the battle of Hastings, and the list was preserved in the Abbey near the battlefield of Hastings, which came to be called *"Battle Abbey"* for that reason. There are three lists now preserved, known as Leland's, Holinshed's and John Foxe's. See "English Surnames" by Mark Anthony Lower, Vol. II., pages 167-189.

Their hereditary country-seat, Holme Lacy, located in the valley of the river Wye, is fully described in this chapter.

Another branch of the Scudamore family resided at **Kent Church,** Herefordshire. Both branches present an interesting history, likewise the **Canterbury Branch** mentioned later in the chapter.

I have set forth the most distinguished members of the several branches in this chapter.

1. **Sir Thomas Scudamore** received a part of Herefordshire County, England, for services at the time of the Conquest, and through his marriage with the daughter of *Sir Walter de Lacy* he inherited the manor-house in the Wye valley.

2. **Sir John Scudamore,** knight, was of Kent Church, Hereford. He married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of the famous Welsh chieftain, Owen Glendower (who descended from Princess Eleanor, daughter of Edwin I.).

3. Another **Sir John Scudamore,** who died in 1571, distinguished himself in the reign of Henry VIII. and was one of his household, being *Gentleman Usher* to the King. To him and his heirs was granted in 1539 *Dore Abbey, Herefordshire, England.* Sir John purchased the rectorial tithes, which in the next century were restored by his descendants. Dore Abbey was consecrated by Bishop Field.

Upon the suppression of the monasteries by Henry VIII., Sir Scudamore was made *Receiving General* of the dissolved monasteries.

4. A third **Sir John Scudamore** [grandson of the former] of Holme Lacy, Herefordshire, was prominent in the *Court of Queen Elizabeth* from 1577 to 1599. His wife was Eleanor, a daughter of *Sir James Croft.* She was *Mistress of the Robes* to Queen Elizabeth.

In *Nichols' Progress of Queen Elizabeth, Vol. II.,* are mentioned presents given by the *Scudamores* to Queen Elizabeth and by *her* to the Scudamores. In Vol. III. of the same work similar presentations were recorded as late as 1599 to 1600.

Sir John Scudamore was a member of Parliament for Herefordshire in five Parliaments, and standard-bearer to the pensioners. He was knighted. His death occurred in 1623.

His children were Henry, John, James, Alice, and Ursula.

5. **Sir James Scudamore** [son of Sir John of Holme Lacy] married Anna, daughter of Sir Thomas Throckmorton.

Sir James Scudamore was a soldier, and accompanied Essex to Cadiz. He was knighted at the siege of Calais, together with John Rudhall and John Scudamore of Kent Church.

Sir Thomas Sidney, 1st Earl of Leicester, married Barbara, daughter of Henry William, 1st Duke of Richmond. Their son William was raised to the peerage.

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The Herbaceous Border and Yew Hedges, at Scudamore Manor-House
Holme Lacy, Herefordshire, England

Sir James Scudamore was called a pattern of chivalry and as *"Sir Scudamore"* is mentioned by Edmund Spenser, the poet, in his *"Faerie Queen."* Book IV. recounts his warlike deeds, Canto X. especially being devoted to his conquest of the "vertuous Amoret."

While Spenser's portrayal of Sir James Scudamore is fanciful, it is at the same time very interesting. Spenser represents *Sir Scudamore* as a knight beloved by *Amoret,* and whom she ultimately married. Sir Scudamore carried before him *"the shield of love,"* which, the poet says, was hung by golden bands in the temple of Venus, and under it was written, "Whosever be this shield, Faire *Amoret* be his." The knight determined to win the prize, and fought with twenty combatants; he overthrew them all, and the shield was his, and Faire Amoret. *Sir James* was a member of Parliament for Herefordshire from 1604 to 1611. He died and was buried at Holme Lacy.

6. **Viscount Scudamore** [eldest son of Sir James Scudamore] was born in 1601 and died in 1671. He was the first Viscount Scudamore, and was also known as Sir John Scudamore, nobleman.

He was hereditary High-Steward of the City and Cathedral of Hereford, England. This cathedral, founded in 1079 and restored in 1863, is one of the noble churches of England.

Viscount Scudamore resided at Holme Lacy, which is but a few miles south of the City of Hereford. He was the leader of the Royalists in his county, and a man of very great influence. He matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford, and later received the degree of M. A.

He was an extensive traveler.

He was created a baronet in 1620, and Viscount Scudamore of Sligo in 1628.

He was a member of Parliament from Herefordshire in 1624-1628.

He was a student, and strongly attached to the Church of England.

He repaired, at great expense, the Abbey Church of Dore.

He was the devoted friend of Bishop Laud of Canterbury, who frequently visited him.

In 1634 Viscount Scudamore was made ambassador of Charles I. to Paris, and became a friend of Louis XIII., who showed him marked attention. While in Paris, his son, who had accompanied him, translated "The Sixty-six Admonitory Chapters of Basilicus to his Son Leo." This rare work is now in the British Museum. Viscount Scudamore was the friend of Milton, and of Grotius, the Swedish ambassador then at Paris, and afterwards the great advocate of universal *peace.* He returned to Holme Lacy in 1639.

In later years he devoted himself to study and relieving the clergy; upwards of seventy clergymen, it is said, were his beneficiaries, and he contributed not less than fifty thousand pounds to religious objects.

He was buried in the chancel of Holme Lacy Church in June, 1671.

His wife was Elizabeth, only daughter of Sir Arthur Porter; she died in 1651. His son

7. **James Scudamore** accompanied his father to Paris, and represented Herefordshire in Parliament later. He died in 1668, three years before his father.

The First Viscount Scudamore was succeeded by his grandson.

8. **John Scudamore,** second viscount [son of James], was born in 1650.

He married Frances, daughter of John Cecil, fourth Earl of Exeter.

9. **Sir James Scudamore** [son of John] was the "Third Viscount Scudamore." He was educated at Oxford, was M. P. and a friend of the poet Pope. He was created D. C. L. He died December 2, 1716, aged thirty-two, and upon his death the peerage became extinct. He left an only daughter.

10. **Honorable Frances Scudamore** born in 1711; her mother was Frances, daughter of Lord Digby.

The Honorable Frances Scudamore married, in 1729, Henry Somerset, duke of Beaufort.

She married, for her second husband, Colonel Charles Fitzroy, who assumed the name of Scudamore. Their only daughter,

11. **Frances Scudamore,** conveyed the estate to *Charles Howard,* eleventh duke of Norfolk, whom she married in 1771. She died childless in 1820 and Holme Lacy devolved upon

12. **Captain Sir Edwyn Stanhope, Bart., R. N.,** who succeeded in 1883 as ninth earl of Chesterfield.

This family bore the name of Scudamore-Stanhope, Sir Henry E. Scudamore-Stanhope being one of the number. Portraits of the Scudamore family are at Shelborne Castle, Dorset, and Holme Lacy.

I take pleasure in being able to present a sketch of Holme Lacy estate.

HOLME LACY—MANOR-HOUSE OF THE SCUDAMORE FAMILY.

Holme Lacy, one of the "stately homes of England," is located on the crest of a knoll in the valley of the river Wye, Herefordshire, England. It is one of the most historic and interesting country seats in England.

The mansion was built by *Walter de Lacy,* a lieutenant of *William the Conqueror,* who received for his services in war the greater part of

Holme Lacy, Herefordshire, England

The Manor-House of the Scudamore Family

Hereford. The marriage of Clarice de Lacy to Sir Thomas Scudamore in the reign of William Rufus settled the Scudamores at Holme Lacy, and it remained practically in this family from the days of the *Conqueror* until February, 1910, when it was sold to an Australian knight, Sir Robert Lucas Booth, chairman of the Bank of New South Wales, in London, for one million dollars; the purchase included the mansion and two thirds of the estate of 5,542 acres.

The *London Herald* gave this description of Holme Lacy at the time of the sale in the spring of 1910:

"The mansion, of reddish stone, is of early Georgian date, of simple classic style, apparently of an irregular H shape. Entering the house one passes through a *hall* lined with *Jacobean pikes* and along a great *picture-hung corridor,* which leads to a suite of rooms, the center of which is a *lofty saloon* of rich and dignified architectural effect.

"Grinling Gibbons had enriched the great wooden panel over the fireplace with festoons of fruit and flowers, scrolls, monograms and coronets, rising to a height of some eighteen feet from the floor, where it was crowned by an eagle holding an oak branch, all of filigree fineness beyond experience. The room was panelled to the cornice and from it the plaster work began, rising about eight feet, decorated at intervals with large free blazonings of arms and devices of the Scudamores, while the ceiling proper, which was fringed with great detached swags, was enriched with deep floral reliefs and coronets, one half of each being entirely modelled and sticking downward as though all the old lords had thrown them up in disgust and they had stuck and turned white at the shock. Ancestral pictures hung around the walls, looking down for the last time on the old furniture gathered by the dead hands of their originals—Scudamores and Stanhopes, by Kneller and Van Loo, as French marquises in dainty china as Allan Ramsay dreamt them, as naval officers of Nelson's time and of Napier's, as quiet squires in plum colored coats and in buff waistcoats, as members of Parliament—there they stood and sat in rows from floor to ceiling in the three great rooms, while around them stood, in the scores of rooms and corridors, the treasures of centuries, the Venetian chairs, the Tudor tables, the Chippendales, the thousand fine things that had made this house a noble home."

This noble estate, until its recent sale, was occupied by the Earl of Chesterfield, a relative of the Scudamores. He inherited the estate, and being of the Stanhope line took the name of Scudamore-Stanhope.

The father of the present earl, when a captain in the navy, succeeded to the Chesterfield title, but only to the Holme Lacy part of the property.

At the time of the sale of this estate, the *London Herald* stated that dealers in paintings, and tapestries, and furniture were present from London and all parts of England, but to their utter chagrin the priceless treasures were sold, not to dealers nor even to the purchaser of the mansion, but to the Chesterfield family.

Among the articles in the more than one thousand "lots" were the state bedstead and famous tapestries in the room occupied by King Charles II., when guest of the Scudamores; also the Boulle writing table decorated with tortoise-shell and inlaid with heavy chased ormolu mounts in Gouthère masks; and a set of carved oak chairs of great beauty. The London paper presented a picture of Holme Lacy at the time of its recent sale.

The Manor House stands in a great park in which are noble trees, some of them being of great age and size.

The *"Monarch Oak"* has a circumference of over twenty-one feet (five feet from the ground), and the *"Trysting Tree"* is larger still. Mammoth yew trees are to be seen in this park, with their solid, massive trunks.

The gardens about the Manor House are beautiful, especially the "bedding out gardens." The dark, billowy yew hedges form a fine background for the shrubs and flowering plants.

The *yew hedges* of Holme Lacy are famous; they are annually trimmed, and two men are occupied six weeks in performing this task. This estate has likewise been famous for the growth of fine fruits, especially apples and pears. It is said that the first Lord Scudamore (who entertained Charles I. in 1645, and who was undoubtedly a strong Royalist) did much toward cultivating fruit trees on this estate.

Holme Lacy is about four miles southeast of the City of Hereford. The present manor house was largely built by the third and last Viscount Scudamore.

In the summer of 1910 *Country Life in England* printed a number of beautiful views of natural scenery in and about Holme Lacy.

SCUDAMORES OF KENT CHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY.

Kent Church Court is located southwest of the City of Hereford. The Scudamores early established themselves here.

Sir Alan Scudamore of Kent Church lived in the time of William Rufus. Sir Alan Scudamore married Jane, daughter of Sir Alexander Ketchmey, Lord of Tray and Bigswear.

The Yew Hedge and Parkway

Scudamore Manor, Holme Lacy, Herefordshire, England

His son was

Sir Titus Scudamore, who married Joyce, a daughter of Sir Robert Clifford; they had two sons.

1. **Sir Wilcock Scudamore,** who married Eleanor.
2. **Sir Jenkins Scudamore,** who married Alice, and had two sons, viz.:
   (1) **Sir John Scudamore.**
   (2) **Sir Philip Scudamore,** said to be the ancestor of the Holme Lacy branch.

William Scudamore of Kent Church married Penelope in 1701 and had a son,

John, who died in 1713, and three daughters;

Joan Scudamore [daughter of William Scudamore] inherited Kent Church and married her cousin, Philip Scudamore, and left a son,

John Scudamore of Kent Church, who married Mary, and had six sons.

Sir John Scudamore of Kent Church, born in 1727, was colonel of Herefordshire Militia and M. P. His children were

1. John.
2. Richard.
3. Mary.

Sir John Scudamore of Kent Church was born in 1757. He married Lucy. Their only child was

John Lucy Scudamore, born in 1798, of Kent Church.

William Scudamore [son of John Scudamore of Holme Lacy] married Ursula, daughter of Sir John Pagington. Their children were:

1. **Richard Scudamore,** who had two sons.
2. **John Scudamore** of Holme Lacy, who married: first, Sybill Vaughn; second, Jane Rudhall; and by his first marriage had the following children, viz.:
   (1) **Richard Scudamore,** who had two sons.
   (2) **John Scudamore,** who had four sons:
   a. William.
   b. Richard.
   c. John.
   d. Henry.
   (3) **Philip Scudamore,** who had four sons.
   (4) **Joan Scudamore.**
   (5) **Elizabeth.**

3. **George Scudamore,** who had sons:
   (1) **Philip Scudamore,** whose children were:
   a. William.
   b. Edward.
   c. Annie.
   (2) **William Scudamore.**
4. **Joan Scudamore,** who married Thomas Scudamore of Kent Church.

THE CANTERBURY BRANCH OF THE SCUDAMORE FAMILY OF ENGLAND.

Sir Charles Scudamore, M. D., was born in 1779, and died in 1849. He was son of William Scudamore, M. D., and was born at Wye, Kent.

Both his grandfather and great-grandfather were surgeons at Canterbury. He was for ten years an apothecary at Highgate; practiced in London. Sir Charles Scudamore, M. D., wrote several books on *materia medica;* particularly on rheumatism, gout, and kindred diseases. He was knighted by the Duke of Northumberland, whom he attended in Ireland in 1829. He died without children.

William Edward Scudamore [son of Dr. Edward Scudamore of Kent Church, Herefordshire] was born at Wye, Kent, in 1813; he graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge.

He restored the ancient church and was a writer.

He was a nephew of Sir Charles Scudamore.

Hon. Frank Ives Scudamore [a nephew of Sir Charles] was born in 1823. He was educated at Christ College, Oxford.

He elaborated the scheme for *Government Savings Banks,* Mr. Gladstone being his friend and helper. He instituted the negotiations whereby the State acquired the control of the telegraphs, and reorganized the system.

He introduced postal reforms in other European countries. He was invited by the Turkish Government to organize the *"Turkish International Post Office."* He resided at Therapia, and spent much time in literary work. Among his writings we note: "People Whom We have Never Met"; "France and the East." He contributed articles to *Punch* and *The Standard.*

He died at Therapia, February 8, 1884, and was buried in the English Cemetery at Scutari.

He left children.

A **Colonel Scudamore** has lately been in command at Aldershot (a permanent military post), England.

Mr. Herbert Fawckner Scudamore, a member of the Scudamore family of England, is at the present time engaged in business in Kobe, Japan.

There are many persons to-day bearing the Scudamore name in the English Navy and Church of England.

The leading estates in Herefordshire County were held by the following persons, viz.: J. H. Arkwright, Hampton Court; A. R. Boughton Knight, Downton Castle; Lord Bateman, Shobdon Court; Lady Henry Somerset, Eastnor Castle; Sir Henry Scudamore-Stanhope, Holme Lacy; Sir George H. Cornewall, Moccas. Lord Ashburton and Major Peploe also were owners of large estates in this county.

THOMAS SKIDMORE (SCUDAMORE) OF ENGLAND AND OF NEW ENGLAND AND HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND

CHAPTER III.

THOMAS SKIDMORE, THE PIONEER.

[1]**Thomas Skidmore**, or Scudamore as he was called, was a descendant of Sir Thomas Scudamore of Holme Lacy, Herefordshire, England. He was born about the year 1600 and when thirty-five years of age was married and living at Westerly, County of Gloucester, England; this county adjoins Herefordshire on the south.

In April, 1635, Thomas Skidmore left his native land and joined the onward march of emigration to the New World. He sailed with Governor John Winthrop, Jr., and his company for New England.

Thomas Skidmore settled immediately at Cambridge on the Charles River, in the Massachusetts Colony. This spot had been selected by the Massachusetts Bay Company in 1630 or 1631 as a "convenient place to erect a towne."

Cambridge was first called Newtown, but subsequently the name was changed to Cambridge, and at the time Thomas Skidmore arrived from England the place boasted of sixty-four house-lots within the town.

Before leaving the account of the settlement of Cambridge, I wish to call attention to the fact that at the time of its founding some of the best Puritan families of England had arrived in New England, well educated and courageous, and they were its founders.

Between the years 1630 and 1640 twenty thousand Puritans are said to have come to the New World, mostly to the Massachusetts Colony. A little later many removed to Connecticut.

Rev. Thomas Hooker was the first minister over the flock at Cambridge, but in a very few years (1635) he and many of his followers had pushed into the wilderness of Connecticut and founded our capital city, Hartford, which he at the first called Newtown, after the early name given to Cambridge.

I must now return to the time when Thomas Skidmore settled at Cambridge in 1635. Thomas Skidmore acquired "one dwelling-house with about half a rood of land in the towne in 1635." Thomas Skidmore's

homestead was "on the westerly side of Brighton Street, north of Mt. Auburn Street." This spot is now Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass., and the new post office stands on a portion of his land.

In Page's *History of Cambridge* is a *map* on which is numbered the homestead lot of *Thomas Skidmore.* (Here his son, John Skidmore, was born in 1643.)

So far as I know, but one descendant of Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer, now resides at Cambridge, namely Mrs. Stella Skidmore Beard (daughter of Philo H. Skidmore, late of Bridgeport, and wife of Edward L. Beard, Esq.).

In 1636 Thomas Skidmore was engaged by Gov. John Winthrop, Jr., to assist him in his preparations for a "plantation at Saybrook, Conn.," and *his name,* together with that of "John Scudamore," probably his brother, and Edward Higbee, who later married his daughter, appears in the *Winthrop Papers.* It will be recalled that Gov. John Winthrop, Jr. (son of Governor Winthrop of Massachusetts), had arrived from England in the fall of 1635 with a *company* consisting of "men of quality" under a commission from certain English lords, among them Lord Say and Seal and Lord Brooks, to build a fort at the mouth of the Connecticut River. The English lords who held the *Connecticut Patent* early realized the importance of guarding this river at its mouth from possible encroachments from settlers representing other countries; for at this period there was quite a strife for supremacy among enterprising explorers representing several countries.

Gov. John Winthrop, Jr., succeeded in constructing a *fort* late in 1635, and houses for the garrison; although the real settlement at Saybrook was not made until 1636-39.

The English lords who sent Governor Winthrop, Jr., on his errand, provided ammunition, men, and about ten thousand dollars (£2000).

Thomas Skidmore's second work as *pioneer* was, therefore, his journey into the Connecticut wilderness, and his efforts to assist in the "plantation at Saybrook."

In the year 1640 Thomas Skidmore sent to England for his wife, Ellen, and his children, among whom was his son, Thomas. He entered into a compact with his "much respected friend, Henry Hazzard, of Bristol, England, a mariner, for the sale of his place at Westerly, in the county of Gloucester, and to bring over his wife and children." Thomas Skidmore gave to Henry Hazzard of Bristol the power of attorney so to do (transcript of American Antiquarian Society and Lechford's Note Book).

In 1643, while residing at his homestead in Cambridge, Mass., he became interested, with others, in the purchase of land for the settlement of Lancaster, Mass., from the Sachem of the Nashaways. He does not appear to have lived there and it is thought the enterprise did not succeed.

In 1645 Thomas Skidmore and others petitioned for a bridge over the Duxbury.

Thomas Skidmore owned property in Cambridge, Mass., until January 1, 1646, when he sold it to Henry Deemster and removed with his family, consisting of a wife and six children, to the Connecticut Colony in New England.

He again is called on to assist Governor Winthrop, Jr., who is undertaking to superintend a settlement at the mouth of the river Thames, accompanied by forty families.

Thither Thomas Skidmore went, and the records at this settlement, called New London, show that in 1647-48 Thomas Skidmore owned a "home lot" in New London, Conn., and "ear marks" for cattle (this was the ancient method of identifying cattle, being a brand on the ears of all domestic animals that were allowed to roam on the common fields).

New London was at this time known as *Pequot Harbor,* and no more beautiful harbor, then or now, can be found on our entire Connecticut shore, with the noble Thames stretching northward fourteen miles to the city of Norwich, on its rocky bluff.

In 1659 Rev. James Fitch of Saybrook, with a considerable number of his flock, settled Norwich,* Conn. Much of the land on which this city is built was purchased of Uncas, the chief of the Mohegans, and friend of the early settlers; for on June 6, 1659, Uncas and his sons gave a warranty deed to the "Towne and Inhabitants of Norwich" of the nine-mile tract of land on which Norwich was built.

Thomas Skidmore was also interested in coast trading vessels on Long Island Sound, as were many of the more enterprising settlers of those early days. Later he removed to Stratford, some miles to the west, where a settlement had been made at the mouth of the Housatonic River. Thomas Skidmore became a large landowner there. An ancient history of Stratford says he was an early settler, probably about 1649.

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* In the fall of 1906 I visited this interesting city and the spot in the center of the residential part where Uncas, chief of the Mohegans, is buried with fifty of his royal family about him. In the summer of 1909 the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of this beautiful town was celebrated. In the historic pageant were the survivors of the Mohegans, seventy-five Indians, the last of the most powerful tribe of early colonial days. President Taft was present and greatly interested in this historic pageant, and the pathetic remnant of the followers of Uncas.

In 1649 Thomas Skidmore and his son-in-law had a lawsuit tried before the court at Hartford.

In 1652, while living at Stratford, his daughter, Dorothy Skidmore, married Hugh Griffin. She was his first wife.

Thomas Skidmore had land laid out to him in Stratford town, as shown in Stratford Land Records, Vol. I.

In November, 1660, he sold his property to Alexander Ryan of Milford, which transfer is recorded in Land Records, Vol. I., page 114.

At this time Thomas Skidmore removed to Fairfield, Conn., where he received a large grant of land. Just over the water stretched the shores of Long Island. The settlers were full of the spirit of adventure and soon Thomas Skidmore joined a company from Connecticut and with them crossed the Sound, and founded a very important settlement which they called Huntington, L. I.

His name, *Thomas Scudamore,* with seven others, appears on the *Huntington Patent* given by Governor Nicholls on November 30, 1666.

Silas Wood, who wrote a *"Sketch of Huntington,"* published in 1898, mentions Thomas Skidmore among the *"patentees."*

Thomas Skidmore held various town offices in Huntington. He was the *First Attorney of Suffolk County.*

At Riverhead, L. I., the county seat of Suffolk County, is the oldest record book of the county, entitled *"Sessions No. I."* It is a record of the Courts of Sessions held alternately at Southampton and Southhold, and of probate matter.

Henry Pierson was the first county clerk and the record is in his handwriting to 1680. This book contains records of about sixty-four *wills.* The first entry in this book is of a court held at Southampton, L. I., March 4, 1669, at which time *"Thomas Skidmore"* of *Huntington,* L. I., appeared as "the *first attorney* in *Suffolk County."* He represented Mr. Jonas Wood of Huntington, who brought suit against Jonathan Smith (son of Richard Smith, founder of Smithtown) for stealing his horse and placing on the animal "new markings and docking." The defendant, Jonathan Smith, was required to give bail in the sum of $50 to appear for trial the following June at Southhold.

Horse stealing was regarded as a very serious offense in those days, as horses were none too abundant among the first settlers and their only means of getting about the wilderness. [Sessions No. I. at County Clerk's office at Riverhead, L. I., is a book of great value.]

Thomas Skidmore also served as town clerk of Huntington. He represented the town at the General Assembly in Connecticut in 1673.

It should be remembered that Huntington and several other towns on the north shore of Long Island were about 1660 and earlier included under the jurisdiction of Connecticut and were represented at the court in that colony. For some years Huntington had little or nothing to do with Dutch rule in New Netherlands, or later, English rule in the New York colony.

At the recapture of New York by the Dutch, Thomas Skidmore was appointed to confer with them relative to their jurisdiction over Huntington, L. I.

Thomas Skidmore served in King Philip's War in 1676. He left his grandson, Samuel Griffin, in charge of his affairs while he himself "is away in the country's service." This agent incurs needless expense, for which recompense is sought at the court at Hartford.

Thomas Skidmore served Huntington, L. I., not only as a town official, but as a *craftsman*. Every man worked with his hands in this new and wilderness country. Rev. William Leverich, their first minister, constructed the *first mill* at the head of Huntington harbor. Thomas Skidmore set up on his land at the Harbor a *smithy,* which he operated for some time. The smith was an important factor in the community during those early days.

On his anvil were wrought the equipments of the huge fireplaces, hanging crane, andirons, and hooks. The iron clamps that held securely the huge timbers were made by him. The *crest* or coat-of-arms which decorated some buildings was his work.

A gentleman, residing in a Long Island town, removed the fireboard in his parlor and revealed, to my surprise, a decoration just above the fireplace (wrought in the iron) of the "Last Supper"—Christ and the Disciples about the table.

It was originally a minister's home and the device had been placed there when the building, now old, was constructed.

TOWN RECORDS OF LAND OWNED BY THOMAS SKIDMORE AT HUNTINGTON, L. I.

In 1663 Thomas Skidmore owned a house, with land and a shop thereon, a smithy, in Huntington Harbor. An early history of Huntington says that Thomas Skidmore lived where Ezra C. Prime later resided in Huntington village.

January 22, 1672, Thomas Skidmore deeded this land to Epenetus Platt, also his house and shop in Huntington village, and six acres, and all his interest in a "200 pound allotment" given by the town to early settlers.

In the distribution of land in the eastern part of Huntington in 1672-73 *Thomas Skidmore* was assigned a farm on the "west side of Fresh Pond" (Vol. I., page 187, Huntington Land Records).

Fresh Pond is in the eastern part of Huntington township, on the border between Smithtown and Huntington. It is three miles from the Northport railroad station. The post office is called Fort Salonga. The territory at Fresh Pond was divided into ten portions or farms and the fifth farm was assigned to Thomas Skidmore.

January 2, 1681, Thomas Skidmore, Sr., of Huntington let his farm at Fresh Pond, with housing and all enclosed plow land and all other lands herein described, to Joseph Whitman of Huntington, husbandman, for three years. Witnesses of lease, Simon Lane, John Skidmore, Jr. (Court Rec., page 383.)

On April 23, 1681, at a town meeting in the town of Huntington it was voted that "Thomas Skidmore, sen. shall have a piece of land joyning Epenetus Plats, running from the west end of Sam Griffens down to the Brook to set a shop and a house upon, garden, etc., if the said Skidmore will continue among us and do our Smith work for us, land to revert to town if he leave, unless he leave a smith upon the place." (Court Rec., page 44.)

Thomas Skidmore was, without doubt, a man of much influence and highly esteemed, the positions which he filled being first proof of his capacities.

As pioneer settler, town officer, husbandman, and craftsman, he discharged his obligations to society in the new country to which he came in 1635. He left a worthy posterity to perpetuate his name.

In 1682 Thomas Skidmore, our earliest ancestor in New England, returned to Fairfield, Conn., and died there.

His will is dated at Fairfield, April 20, 1684, and was recorded there December, 1684. He left property to his wife Sarah, to his grandsons John Skidmore and John Higbee. From a reference in the will to other grandchildren and from various conveyances of land, it would appear that he had previously provided for the rest of his family.

Fairfield, Conn., settled in 1639, the town from which Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer, went out to Huntington, L. I., and to which he returned in his old age, was of course at that period a very important place, as it continued to be for generations. Today it is a charming spot, rich in historic interest. The first church was organized in 1639 and a very beautiful stone edifice is now the home of this ancient *First Church of Christ.* Rev. F. S. Child, D. D., a worthy successor of the fourteen gifted min-

THIS MONUMENT MARKS THE SPOT WHERE ENDED THE PEQUOT WAR, FAIRFIELD, CONN.
[NEAR SOUTHPORT]

"He fell, the Conquered, in uneven fight—
The Red-man, who once loved as we this land
And called it his by undisputed right."

isters who preceded him in this charge, is a well-known historian and literary man. He resides in the *Sherman Parsonage,* once the home of Judge Sherman (this house in the days of its original owner contained, it is said, sixty closets, which have since been considerably reduced in number).

The town "whipping post" stands on the village green, mute relic of early days and ways.

The ancient burial ground hard by is carefully looked after by the local D. A. R., the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter. This society has caused the grounds to be enclosed by a wall, and erected memorial gates.

A beautiful tablet in the vestibule of the Congregational Church is the gift of Miss Jennings. It records the names of the ministers who have served the parish for the last two hundred and sixty-five years. A bas-relief of the meeting house built in 1745 and burned by the British occupies the left of the tablet, and on the right is a bas-relief of the meeting house erected in 1849 and burned in 1890. A list of the pastors, taken from the *tablet,* is given in the Addendum.

Another historic spot within the town of Fairfield is the swamp, where occurred the last fight with the Pequot Indians in July, 1637, when this powerful Indian tribe of New England utterly perished. A monument now marks this spot.

Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer, was married three times:

First, to Ellen ———, while living in England and for whom he sent in 1640, bringing her and her children to New England. After her death he married

Second, Joanna, widow of Daniel Baldwin.

Third, he married Sarah, widow of Edward Treadwell. She survived him about two weeks.

[1]Thomas Skidmore, the early settler, had a family of six sons and daughters, the children of his first wife, Ellen Skidmore. She came to New England in 1640, bringing the three eldest children with her.

The children of [1]Thomas and Ellen Skidmore were:

1. [2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., of Huntington.
2. [2]Dorothy Skidmore, married Hugh Griffin.
3. [2]Jedidah Skidmore, married Edward Higbee.
4. [2]John Skidmore, of Jamaica, L. I.
5. [2]Grace Skidmore, who married John Goulding.
6. [2]Joseph Skidmore, of Huntington.

THE CHILDREN OF [1]THOMAS SKIDMORE, THE PIONEER

I. [2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., Huntington.
II. [2]Dorothy Skidmore.
III. [2]Jedidah Skidmore.
IV. [2]John Skidmore, Jamaica.
V. [2]Grace Skidmore.
VI. [2]Joseph Skidmore.

THE NATHAN HALE BOULDER, HUNTINGTON BAY, LONG ISLAND

The American patriot was captured by the British on this spot, in September, 1776

CHAPTER IV.

THE CHILDREN OF THOMAS SKIDMORE, THE PIONEER.

I. [2]**Thomas Skidmore, Jr.**, of Huntington, L. I. [eldest son of [1]Thomas the pioneer and his wife Ellen], was born in England about the year 1625, and accompanied his mother and sisters to the New World in 1640. The greater part of his life was spent in Huntington, Long Island, where he died at a very advanced age.

The name of [2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr. (or Scidmore, as it is written), very frequently appears on the town records at Huntington, L. I., first as guardian of the children of his brother-in-law, Edward Higbee, who was supposed to have perished at sea, but later returned from his voyage (Court Record, p. 16).

[2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., was given a farm by his father at Fresh Pond in the eastern part of Huntington and resided there with his family. He appears as grantee and grantor on the town records, as follows:

January, 1682, [2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., of Huntington sold to Jonathan Lewis of Westerly, R. I., a "half farm (a £150 allotment) which farm," had been given to him by his father, [1]Thomas Skidmore, Sr., in "Fresh Pond Neck," comprising a house and two and a half acres south of his father's land, and seventeen and a half acres or more at "Crab-Meadow."

April, 1683, [2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., received a grant from the town of Huntington of twenty acres in "Bread and Cheese Hollow"; also twenty acres on north side of "Crab-Meadow Neck." Vol. I. pp. 115-117.

April 2, 1683, [2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., purchased of Thomas Brush his interest in a £500 right in a farm lying in "Crab-Meadow." Huntington Vol. I., pp. 149-152.

April 28, 1687, [2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., owned seven acres on the way to "Eaton's Neck."

In 1688 [2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., was granted forty acres in "Crab-Meadow Neck." He was requested to lay a "School-house tax," also a "Wolf-rate," a tax out of which to pay rewards for killing wolves.

October 4, 1698, Vol. II. p. 229 shows "Rates fixed for baiting place purchased of [2]Thomas Scidmore, Jr."

[2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., had a son and three daughters, viz.:

1. [3]Thomas Skidmore (or John).
2. [3]Susanna Skidmore.
3. [3]Ellen Skidmore.
4. [3]Elizabeth Skidmore.

II. [2]**Dorothy Skidmore** [daughter of [1]Thomas the pioneer and his wife Ellen Skidmore] was born in England. While living at Stratford, Conn., with her parents she married on July 25, 1652, Hugh Griffin of Stratford, Conn. (Vol. I., Town Records of Stratford). Her husband was an early settler there, owning home lot 44, so called. She was the first wife of Hugh Griffin and died there in 1670.

The three sons of Dorothy Skidmore and Hugh Griffin were:

1. [3]John Griffin, who married Sarah and had
   (1) [4]Samuel Griffin.
   (2) [4]Hugh Griffin.
   (3) [4]John Griffin.
2. [3]Thomas Griffin.
3. [3]Samuel Griffin, whose descendants lived at Huntington, L. I., viz.:
   a. Elizabeth Griffin.
   b. Phebe Griffin.

III. [2]**Jedidah Skidmore** [daughter of [1]Thomas the pioneer and his wife, Ellen Skidmore] was born in England. She became the first wife of Edward Higbee. They lived at Stratford, Conn., where he owned a lot in the town No. 23; later they lived at Huntington, L. I., their home being at the head of Huntington Harbor, where George Scudder lived in later years.

In 1660 Captain Edward Higbee was engaged in the West India trade, being associated with Captain Matthews and Jonas Wood. He at one time was thought to be lost at sea, and his estate was ordered settled by the Court, and his four children placed in the custody of his brother-in-law, [2]Thomas Skidmore, Jr. He, however, returned from his voyage (Court Record, p. 16).

In 1683 Edward Higbee, Moses Scudder and Thomas Higbee were found guilty of violating the Sabbath regulations of the time, and confessed that they had traveled on the Lord's Day from Huntington to Hempstead, for which transgression "they were sorry."

In 1683 Edward Higbee purchased land and a house-lot of John Finch, Jr., in Huntington, L. I., also twelve acres of meadow land on the south side of the Island, and eight acres on "Santepauge Neck."

[2]Jedidah Skidmore, his first wife, having died, Edward Higbee married Abigail Adams, widow of Mr. Betts.

In 1684 John Betts deeded to Edward Higbee the "southwest end" of his own house, also land, because he had married his son's widow, Abigail Adams.

In 1688 Edward Higbee and wife Abigail of Queens Village sold to Thomas Higbee of Huntington, their land at the south side of the Island at "Santepauge Neck." In the same year they sold to Joseph Bailey their home lot and orchard and "proffitt of enlargement," and disposed of their twelve acres on East Neck to Jonas Wood and Stephen Jarvis.

In 1688 Andrew Gibb of Brookhaven quitclaimed to Edward Higbee of Queens Village property on which he had a judgment.

Upon Captain Edward Higbee's death in 1699, at Jamaica, the Court decreed that his widow be given, out of his estate, "one dress for every day, and one for Lord's Day."

The children of Edward and [2]Jedidah Skidmore Higbee were:

1. [3]John Higbee.
2. [3]Edward Higbee.

IV. [2]**John Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I.** [son of [1]Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer ancestor], was born in Cambridge, Mass., April 11, 1643. He married Susannah ——— in 1663. They resided for a time at Stratford, Conn., but eventually became permanent residents of Jamaica, L. I. He was one of the original proprietors of that town, and was also the clerk of the first church, Jamaica.

The abstract of [2]John Skidmore's will in New York County Records, dated July 9, 1680, is as follows:

"The last will and testament of John Skidmore, who through God's mercy, having my senses perfectly about me, yet not knowing how it may please God to deal with me, I commit my soul to God, and to prevent future danger, do dispose of my estate as follows:"

He leaves to his five children all his estate, in the town of Jamaica, and £50 given him by his father, Thomas Skidmore of Fairfield in

New England, and directs his eldest son, John Skidmore, to recover the same. He mentions his two youngest children, Joseph and Abigail, in his will, and directs that "The black horse" given by my wife to the four sons "be equally divided between them." His will was made February 15, 1678/79.

The will was proven at Jamaica July 9, 1680. In the inventory of his property occur the following items: "The housing and land at home, £60; the land and meadow at Hayters, £20; the ten-acre lot and other land, £20."

His wife died before her husband, but was living July 22, 1675.

[2]John Skidmore died at Jamaica in 1680, being thirty-seven years of age.

The five children of [2]John Skidmore, the first, and his wife Susannah were:

1. [3]John Skidmore, eldest son, born in 1663/64; he died January 22, 1740/41, at Stratford, Conn. He married Mary ———.
2. [3]Samuel Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I. He was twice married; first to Susanna, second to Hannah. He died in 1733. His will was dated September, 1732.
3. [3]Thomas Skidmore, who was living at Jamaica, L. I., December 30, 1680.
4. [3]Joseph Skidmore, who resided at Jamaica, L. I., in 1680.
5. [3]Abigail Skidmore, who also lived at Jamaica, L. I., in 1680.

V. [2]**Grace Skidmore** [daughter of [1]Thomas the pioneer and his wife Ellen Skidmore] married John Golding. The town records at Huntington show that he lived in that town, and was a taxpayer there in 1673. In 1683-84 he received from his father-in-law, [1]Thomas Skidmore, Sr., a farm; the conveyance was by "turfe and twig," according to the English custom. He lost this farm, in consideration whereof the town of Huntington, by request of Governor Andros, gave him another farm near "Crab-Meadow" of forty acres, also twelve acres of meadow next the beach.

In 1684 John Golding conveyed to Nicholas Smith his house and lot in Huntington, L. I. December, 1684, John Golding purchased a house and lot of John Matthews. In 1687 he sold to Richard Gildersleeve, Jr., of Hempstead twenty-two acres of "upland, and six acres of meadow." In 1686 John Golden and wife [2]Grace deeded to John Scidmore, Jr., eighteen acres of upland on "Fresh Pond Neck."

VI. [2]**Joseph Skidmore** [son of [1]Thomas Skidmore the pioneer] is mentioned in an early historical sketch of Huntington as being a "son of [1]Thomas Skidmore the early settler and patentee," and therefore I place his name among the persons of this generation, but have no other authority so to do.

SKETCH OF HUNTINGTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND

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The Memorial Library, and Nathan Hale Drinking-Fountain,
Huntington, Long Island

CHAPTER V.

SKETCH OF HUNTINGTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND.

This town, in which many of the Skidmore ancestors lived in early days, and from which their immediate descendants went forth to settle in New York, Connecticut, and Western states, was colonized in 1653 by settlers from New England.

The first deed of land to the pioneer settlers at Huntington was given in 1653 by the Matinnecock Indians, who occupied the northern shore of Long Island.

The conveyance was made by Raseocon (Rascokan), their chief, to "Richard Houlbrock, Robert Williams, and Daniel Whitehead." They assigned it to the "residents of Huntington" called "proprietors."

The proprietors were: "Jonas Wood, formerly of Halifax, Eng., William Leverich, Robert Seeley, John Ketcham, Thomas Scudamore, Isaac Platt, Thomas Joanes and Thomas Weeks."

The Huntington town records show that for thirteen years the first settlers occupied this territory and conveyed land to others on the Indian title; but on November 30, 1666, they received a "Patent to Huntington" from Governor Richard Nichols [Nicolls], who was made governor of the Colony of New York when England overthrew the Dutch power in New Netherlands. This patent vested in the town of Huntington the full title held by the sovereignty of England, subject to the condition that the consent of the Indians be obtained.

Huntington township was originally very extensive, extending from Long Island Sound on the north to the ocean on the south, and from Cold Spring Harbor on the west to the Smithtown or Nissequoque river on the east; this territory included many "necks of land." In later years Huntington lost considerable territory in the eastern part of the township, which was gained by Smithtown.

In 1871-72 the township of Huntington was divided, the southern part being incorporated as the town of Babylon.

The township of Huntington today embraces the following villages: Huntington, Cold Spring Harbor, Centerport, Greenlawn, Commack, Northport, Mellville, Elwood, Fair Ground (where the Huntington railroad station is located), West Hills (where Walt Whitman lived), Dix Hills, and Lloyd and Eaton Necks.

Fresh Pond is eight or ten miles east of Huntington village, on the border of Smithtown. Many of the early Skidmores lived here. "Crab-Meadow" is near Northport and within the township of Huntington.

The early settlers were particularly fortunate in selecting the location for the village, as it embraces some of the most picturesque and elevated portions of Long Island. Approaching Huntington from Long Island Sound, sailing vessels enter, by a narrow passage, the beautiful land-locked waters of Huntington Bay. Eaton's Neck guards the entrance to this bay on the east, and Lloyd's Neck on the west.

It is of interest to note that Eaton's Neck was sold in 1646 by the Matinnecock Indians to Gov. Theophilus Eaton of the New Haven Colony. The son of Governor Eaton resigned his interest in Eaton's Neck to his sister, wife of William Jones, who sold it for £50 to Capt. Robert Seeley in 1662. Eaton's Neck being a source of litigation, Governor Nichols gave a grant of it to George Baldwin; the Bryants settled there later, and it was created a "Lordship." Eaton's Neck beach is three miles in length and from ten to thirty rods wide; an important beacon lighthouse is located there.

Lloyd's Neck guards the entrance to Huntington Bay on the west, and separates it from Oyster Bay. Huntington had possession of Lloyd's Neck for eleven years, under the Indian grants, but by adverse decision of the courts it was for 221 years barred out of Huntington, thus shutting out one third of its seashore front. Finally by an act of the legislature of New York in 1886, it was annexed to the town of Huntington, L. I. Lloyd's Neck, or "Horse Neck" as it was formerly called, was an important spot during the Revolutionary War. The British had it well fortified, and they were frequently attacked by the Colonial Army from the opposite shore of Connecticut. Fort Franklin was located on the hill on the west side of the "Neck."

The Lloyds owned the "Neck" by special grant. James Lloyd, a merchant, who came to New England in 1675 (son of Sir John Lloyd, mayor of Bristol, England) was "Lord-of-the-Manor" of Queen's Village, L. I., also his son, Henry Lloyd.

THE FIRST CHURCH IN HUNTINGTON.

It is well known that the very earliest churches planted on Long Island were organized in New England, and pastor and people emigrated to the island. Rev. William Leverich, the first minister at Huntington, came in 1656-57. He remained until 1670. (He built, it is said, the first flour mill at the head of Huntington Harbor.)

The first religious society in Huntington, L. I., was Congregational, but in 1748 the church united with the Suffolk County Presbytery. The first house of worship was built in 1665; in 1715 the second church building was erected and stood until the Revolutionary period, when the British took possession of Long Island, and used the Huntington church for a military depot, even removing the tombstones and using them for fireplaces and ovens.

Rev. Eliphalet Jones [son of Rev. Jones of Fairfield County] was the second minister. The manner of his call was rather amusing. The "Records" show that Mr. Jones, having come to Huntington to preach the gospel, requested the train-band (local militia) to be drawn up in order, and addressing them desired them to manifest by their usual sign, the lifting up of the hand, their desire to have him the minister of the town. Every hand but one being raised, Mr. Jones consented to be their pastor. As the "train-band" included most of the adult male population this was undoubtedly a speedy way of settling the matter.

The third minister was Rev. Ebenezer Prime, who came to Huntington in 1719. He kept a record of births, deaths and marriages between the years 1723 and 1769.

The early ministers over the settlements, both in New England and Long Island, were many-sided men; not only did they preach with authority on the Sabbath day, and instruct the children in the catechism on week days, but they often acted as judges between contentious persons; they were interested in practical affairs, and usually owned a small farm and assisted toward their own support. I have learned of one minister, who during his long pastorate gave, in his own home, instruction to two hundred youth, the greater number of whom entered college and became men of influence.

Some of Huntington's first settlers came from New England by the way of Southold, L. I., which was the first town on the Island to be incorporated. Among the number was Richard Skidmore, and possibly Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer.

Huntington supported a military company, watch-house and fort. There were four "training-days" each year, and a "general training-day" in which several towns participated once a year.

MODERN HUNTINGTON.

Huntington is a delightful village, located about one and a half miles "up from" Huntington Harbor, to the southward. The Long Island Railroad station is situated about the same distance beyond the village, that is, southward. A trolley road runs from the railroad station to the village, and continues to the Harbor, where it terminates.

The village street is attractive, and a business center for a population of about 5000 people.

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY.

A small but beautiful public library is located on the village street; it stands on a hillside a little east of the business center. A soldiers' monument and cannon stand on either side of the library entrance; just below is the memorial to Capt. Nathan Hale, a polished marble shaft having at the base a drinking fountain for man and beast. The library was erected in 1892 by the "Huntington Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Association."

At the rear of the library on a hillside rises the ancient burial ground of Huntington. On this ground in 1782 the British built a fort known as "Fort Golgotha." They demolished the Presbyterian meeting house and used the material in constructing their barracks; they leveled one hundred gravestones, tradition says, and in every possible manner humiliated the inhabitants of Huntington. The British held this sacred spot for two years. In passing through this ancient ground I read the names of the early settlers, viz.: Fleet, Scudder, Jones, Sammis, Brush, Wood, Platt, Conklin, Titus, Jarvis and many others. A tablet has been erected by the local D. A. R. at the front of this cemetery bearing a suitable inscription.

The First Presbyterian church is about one half mile beyond this library; it was built in 1783, and is a quaint structure. Opposite this church are the fine public school buildings, an honor to the village.

The Central Presbyterian Church is west of the library. St. John's Episcopal Church has a new stone edifice; this church was organized in 1750. There is also a Roman Catholic Church on the village street.

Huntington Bay
From The Chateau Beaux Arts

The Margaret Gate
Entrance to Bay Crest, Huntington, Long Island

HUNTINGTON BAY.

Huntington Bay is a beautiful arm of the Sound. Within its embrace are several distinct harbors, all safely guarded by the encircling land. These harbors are: Lloyd's Harbor, Huntington Harbor, Centerport Harbor and Northport Harbor. The two latter harbors are in Northport Bay, which opens into Huntington Bay.

Fine country seats are located all along these picturesque shores, which are so beautiful at flood tide that one is reminded of Longfellow's poem, "The Tides:"

> "I saw the long line of the vacant shore,
> The seaweed and the shells upon the sand,
> And the brown rocks left bare on every hand,
> As if the ebbing tide would flow no more;
> Then heard I, more distinctly than before,
> The Ocean breathe and its great breast expand,
> And hurrying came on the defenseless land
> The insurgent waters with tumultous roar."

BAY CREST, HUNTINGTON.

This beautiful residential section overlooks Huntington Bay and Long Island Sound. It is some distance down the bay from Huntington village, and is reached either by carriage or motor car. The land entrance to Bay Crest is through the "Margaret Gate." The summer residences are fine and the sea and land views are very beautiful. The view of Huntington Bay from the Chateau des Beaux Arts is worth traveling far to see.

The shore line, as it extends eastward to Northport Harbor, and with many a curve bears away from that harbor still eastward towards Eaton's Neck, presents a continuous picture of land and ocean view.

Capt. Nathan Hale, the American spy, was captured on the shore of Huntington Bay while seeking information concerning the contemplated attack of the British on the American army on Manhattan Island. The spot is marked by bronze tablets on which are inscribed the facts connected with this event, which occurred in September, 1776.

A steamer has for years plied between Huntington Harbor and Norwalk on the Connecticut shore.

THE SKIDMORE FAMILY IN HUNTINGTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND, AND ITS VICINITY

[8]John Skidmore, Sr., and his children:
- Joseph.
- John, Jr.
- Thomas.
- Abigail.
- Temperance.

CHAPTER VI.

[3]JOHN SKIDMORE, SR., OF HUNTINGTON, L. I., GRANDSON OF [1]THOMAS.

[3]**John Skidmore, Sr.**, of Fresh Pond, Huntington, called in the early town records * "John Scidmore, sen." married Sarah ———, probably Smith. He owned a large estate in the eastern part of Huntington and was a prosperous settler. His immediate descendants lived at "Fresh Pond Neck" and "Crab-Meadow," in Huntington township.

Richard and Jonathan Smith sold to [3]John Skidmore 200 acres of land in Smithtown, L. I., "lying on the west bounds of Smithtown," May 6, 1713.

[3]John Skidmore of "Fresh Pond," Huntington, L. I., made a will January 10, 1727/28, which was proven February 17, 1737, in the New York Surrogate Office. He bequeathed to his wife Sarah, his negro slave "Cate" and her children, and one hundred dollars a year during her lifetime, and the use of his dwelling, besides other considerations for her comfort and support. To his three sons, Joseph, John, Jr., and Thomas, he left large holdings in land which are described in the will, also messuages and tenants. To these three sons and Daniel Bates of Smithtown, he left 118 sheep. His personal estate he left to his two daughters, Abigail Smith and Temperance Skidmore.

His executors were his son, [4]Joseph Skidmore, and his "beloved friends and brothers, Joseph and John Whitman, sen." (New York Surrogate's Office, Liber 13, p. 141.)

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* [3]John Skidmore (Scidmore), Senior, mentioned above, was grandson of [1]Thomas Skidmore the first; some of his descendants think he was the son of [2]John Skidmore of Jamaica; others believe him to have been the son of [2]Thomas or [2]Joseph Skidmore. The first book of records at Huntington is so arranged that it is quite difficult to determine with certainty. The plurality of "John Skidmores" and "Thomas Skidmores" makes it more problematic. The Long Island town records were not kept with that carefulness which obtained in Connecticut.

The children of [3]John Skidmore, Sr., and wife Sarah ——— were:

1. [4]Joseph Skidmore.
2. [4]John Skidmore, Jr.
3. [4]Thomas Skidmore.
4. [4]Abigail Skidmore Smith.
5. [4]Temperance Skidmore.

CHAPTER VII.

[4]JOSEPH SKIDMORE [SCIDMORE] OF HUNTINGTON, L. I.

[4]**Joseph Skidmore** [son of [3]John, Senior, and wife, Sarah Skidmore] was born in Huntington, east part. He married Hannah ————. His will is dated December 17, 1763. He bequeathed to his wife, Hannah Skidmore, one third of his estate, and a negro slave named "Kate." He made bequests to his daughters, [5]Rebecca, [5]Temperance, [5]Eliza, and [5]Esther; also to his granddaughters, [6]Sarah and [6]Eliza [daughters of his deceased son, [5]Joseph]. To his son, [5]Isaac, he gave a large amount of land and two negro men, "Tom and Ned," also land at "Crab Meadow," and "rights" in land at Smithtown. To his son, [5]Samuel, Jr., he left a house and other estate near Smithtown.

The children of [4]Joseph and Hannah Skidmore were:

1. [5]Rebecca Skidmore, who married Mr. Brush.
2. [5]Temperance Skidmore.
3. [5]Eliza Skidmore.
4. [5]Esther Skidmore, who married Israel Ketchem.
5. [5]Joseph Skidmore, who married Elizabeth Abbott.
6. [5]Peter Skidmore.
7. [5]Samuel Skidmore, Jr.
8. [5]Isaac Skidmore.
9. [5]Philip Skidmore.

A number of [4]Joseph and Hannah Skidmore's children were baptized in 1734 at one time, so it is not possible to give dates of their births.

[5]**Peter Skidmore** [son of [4]Joseph] was born at Fresh Pond, Huntington, about the year 1750. He had two sons, viz.:

1. [6]Joel Skidmore.
2. [6]Platt Skidmore.

[5]**Samuel Skidmore, Jr.**, of Huntington [son of [4]Joseph and Hannah Skidmore] died in 1782. His will was made March 14, 1782, and was proven March 25, 1782, at Riverhead.

His children were:

1. [6]Elizabeth Skidmore.
2. [6]John Skidmore.
3. [6]Samuel Skidmore.

and possibly other children.

[5]**Isaac Skidmore** [son of [4]Joseph and Hannah Skidmore] lived in Huntington, and died in 1816. He married Hannah.

[5]Isaac Skidmore's name occurs in connection with the Revolutionary period in certain bills which he presented, namely:

In 1779, a bill of 11 pounds and 4 shillings "for 14 days with ox team, carting forage for General Leland."

On April 25, 1779, a bill of 2 pounds and 5 shillings for "one day's rations for thirteen men, and forage for six horses belonging to the Queen's Rangers."

The children of [5]*Isaac Skidmore* were:

1. [6]Nathaniel Skidmore.
2. [6]Timothy Skidmore, baptized 1761.
3. [6]John Skidmore.
4. [6]Joseph Skidmore, deceased in 1816.
5. [6]Hannah Skidmore Scudder.
6. [6]Mary Skidmore Bryan.
7. [6]Deborah Skidmore Oakes.

[5]**Philip Skidmore,*** baptized June 24, 1744; married on June 4, 1772, Margaret Wickes, a descendant of Thomas Weekes, the emigrant of 1635.

On August 6, 1777, [5]Philip Skidmore presented a bill for a "horse and saddle pressed into his majesty's service by Dunbar at Newtown, L. I., and not at the time paid for." The bill was (1) 20 pounds for the horse, and (2) 9 pounds, 12 shillings for twelve days' carting.

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* While Philip Skidmore may not be a descendant of [4]Joseph of Huntington, his name is included in this list under the supposition that he is.

CHAPTER VIII.

CAPTAIN JOEL SKIDMORE [SCIDMORE] OF NORTHPORT, L. I., AND HIS BROTHER PLATT SKIDMORE.

Captain [6]Joel Scidmore* [son of [5]Peter] was born in 1777. He was a *sea captain,* and after he left the sea, returned to the old homestead, known as the "Scidmore Farm," located east of Northport, L. I. This farm is to-day in the possession of [9]Joel L. and [9]Byron G. Scidmore.

[6]Captain Joel Scidmore married. He died in March, 1842, leaving three children, namely:

1. [7]Joel Scidmore, 2d.
2. [7]Hannah Scidmore.
3. [7]Margaret Scidmore.

Captain [7]Joel Scidmore, 2d [son of Captain [6]Joel], was born at Northport, Huntington Township, Long Island, December 31, 1799, and died there on September 8, 1865. He married Mary Arthur on September 20, 1820, and they had a family of six children, namely:

1. [8]**Ann Maria Scidmore** [daughter of Captain [7]Joel and Mary Arthur] was born November 19, 1820, married John Ward Perrott on September 23, 1844, and resided at Huntington, L. I. He died June 23, 1863. She died October 31, 1887.
2. **Captain [8]Eliphalet A. Scidmore** [son of Captain [7]Joel and Mary Arthur Scidmore] was born April 17, 1823. He married Ann Skidmore; they had two daughters, [9]Rosie and [9]Kate. Captain [8]Eliphalet died March 14, 1865.
3. [8]**Jane G. Scidmore** [daughter of Captain [7]Joel and Mary Arthur Scidmore] was born June 6, 1826, died June 10, 1891. She married Richard L. Fleet on June 16, 1850. He was a farmer in Centerport, L. I. They had two sons and one daughter, namely:

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* As most of the descendants of Captain Joel Skidmore retained the ancient spelling "Scidmore," I have employed it in the record of his family with a few exceptions.

(1) [9]Jesse J. Fleet, who died young.

(2) [9]John P. Fleet, who married for his first wife Laura Cheshire Skidmore, and for his second wife Josephine Crozier.

Children by his first marriage are [10]Richard and [10]Elbert, twin sons, born May 15, 1889. Richard died in infancy.

Children by his second marriage are [10]Mary, [10]Jane, [10]Florence, and [10]Jesse.

(3) [9]Mary Scidmore was born August 11, 1864; married first Dr. Charles F. Scudder and had a son, [10]Charles, Jr., and a daughter, [10]Margaret; married second time William Crozier.

4. [8]**Margaret Scidmore** [daughter of Captain [7]Joel and Mary Arthur Scidmore] was born April 5, 1830, and died January 14, 1891. She married Elbert Arthur [son of Joshua and Mary Chichester Arthur] on June 17, 1853. He owned a large estate at Northport, L. I., near Eaton's Neck. They have one son.

(1) [9]John W. Arthur, who was born October 14, 1857. He married Annie M. Bryant [daughter of David Gardiner Bryant and Sarah C. Kelsey].

[9]John W. Arthur lives on a beautiful estate near Eaton's Neck, Northport, L. I., which he inherited from his paternal ancestor, where he dispenses a generous hospitality.

Mr. [9]John W. Arthur was for years engaged in business with his father, Elbert Arthur, their vessels sailing between *Northport Harbor* and coast cities in many places, conveying sand to be used in polishing marble and for other purposes.

[9]John W. Arthur is supervisor of the town of Huntington, L. I., within whose territory Northport is located. He is a member of various societies.

Mrs. [9]John W. Arthur is second vice regent of the Ketewomoke Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

5. [8]**Mary Scidmore** [daughter of Captain [7]Joel and Mary Arthur Scidmore] was born at Northport, L. I., November 17, 1833. Miss Scidmore has been a life-long resident of Northport.

She is a member of the *Board of Directors of the Bank of Northport,* and a member of the Northport Water Works Company.

6. [8]**Joel Scidmore, 3d** [son of Captain [7]Joel and Mary Arthur Scidmore], was born in Northport, L. I., November 13, 1838, and died August 3, 1884.

He married for his first wife Alice Udall on June 13, 1866. His second wife was Laura Cheshier, whom he married November 23, 1879.

The children of [8]Joel Scidmore, 3d, and second wife, Laura Cheshier are:

(1) [9]Joel L. Scidmore, 4th, born August 3, 1880, is married and has a son and a daughter. He spells his name Skidmore.

(2) [9]Byron G. Scidmore, born January 11, 1883, is married and has a son and a daughter. [9]Joel L. and [9]Byron G. Scidmore are owners of the estate of their ancestor, Captain Joel.

[7]**Hannah Scidmore** [daughter of first Captain [6]Joel Scidmore] was born May 25, 1804. She married Shubell Nickols of Smithtown, L. I.

Their children are:

1. [8]Sarah Elizabeth Nickols, who married David Lewis, and lived at Centerport, L. I.
2. [8]Joel S. Nickols, who lost his life in the *War of the Rebellion.*

[7]**Margaret Scidmore** [daughter of first Captain [6]Joel Scidmore] was born in 1806, and died December 9, 1824.

PLATT SKIDMORE.

[6]**Platt Skidmore** [son of [5]Peter], born about 1780, lived at Commack and Huntington, L. I. He married and had three sons and one daughter, as follows:

1. [7]**William B. Skidmore** [son of [6]Platt], who took the first steamship to China, and was with the "Pacific Mail Steamship Company." He married and had the following children:

   (1) [8]William B. Skidmore, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

   (2) [8]Joseph Skidmore, lawyer in Brooklyn, N. Y.

   (3) [8]Josephine Skidmore.

2. [7]**Platt Skidmore** [son of [6]Platt], who was lost at sea.

3. [7]**Brewster Skidmore** [son of [6]Platt], who was born May, 1813, married Abigail Skidmore. They resided at Huntington, L. I. Their two sons are:
   (1) [8]**Woodhull Skidmore** [son of [7]Brewster and Abigail Skidmore], who was born December 12, 1834. He married first Martha E. Williams, second S. Louise Hard. He resides at Patchogue, N. Y.
   His children are:
   i. Dr. [9]Mellville Skidmore of East Moriches, N. Y.
   ii. [9]Milton Irving Skidmore, deceased.
   iii. [9]Frederick A. Skidmore.
   iv. [9]Frank B. Skidmore, deceased.
   (2) [8]**Charles B. Skidmore** [son of [7]Brewster and Abigail Skidmore] was born March 16, 1845. Married and resides at Hempstead, L. I. No children.
4. [7]**Almira Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Platt], who married Henry Ketcham.

CHAPTER IX.

JOHN SKIDMORE, JR., OF SMITHTOWN, L. I., AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

[4]**John Skidmore** [son of [3]John Skidmore, Sr., and wife Sarah Smith, of Fresh Pond, Huntington, and great-grandson of Thomas, the first] married Susannah ——— and lived in the western border of Smithtown, where it joins Huntington township. [4]John Skidmore owned large tracts of land about Smithtown, L. I., and 300 acres in Winnecomack, which were later sold to William Johnson. He was the ancestor of an interesting branch of the Skidmore family.

His will was made April 24, 1758, and proven in New York County on February 17, 1762.

He made bequests to wife Susannah, to daughters [5]Abigail and [5]Susannah, and to sons [5]John, [5]Samuel, [5]Zophar, to whom he gave his real estate. The executors of his will were his brother, [4]Joseph Skidmore, and Jesse Platt of Huntington, L. I. The witnesses were Isaac Platt and Zophar Smith, Jr.

The children of [4]John Skidmore, Jr., and wife Susannah were:

[5]Abigail Skidmore.
[5]Susannah Skidmore.
[5]John Skidmore.
[5]Samuel Skidmore.
[5]Zophar Skidmore.

[5]**Abigail Skidmore** [daughter of [4]John, Jr.] lived at Brookhaven, L. I., in 1775, unmarried. It is interesting to note in connection with this place that Rev. Nathaniel Brewster [grandson of Elder Brewster of the Mayflower] was the first minister at Brookhaven from 1655-1690. He was a graduate of the first class in Harvard College, and is believed to have been the first native graduate in the New World.

[5]**Susannah Skidmore** [daughter of [4]John, Jr.] married James Bishop on November 13, 1753.

[5]**John Skidmore** [son of [4]John, Jr.], born at Smithtown. He lived at Nine Partners, Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1768, and at Saratoga in 1784. Abner Skidmore in 1782 witnessed a will in Dutchess County and may have been his son.

[5]**Samuel Skidmore** [son of [4]John, Jr.], born at Smithtown, L. I.

ZOPHAR SKIDMORE, SR., OF SMITHTOWN, L. I.

[5]**Zophar Skidmore** [youngest son of [4]John Skidmore, Jr., and Susannah] was born in 1744. He married Mary Titus [daughter of John Titus] on December 8, 1766. She was born in 1747. She died January 30, 1799, aged 52 years.

[5]Zophar Skidmore died October 31, 1822, aged 78 years. He was of Smithtown, L. I. He served his country as a Revolutionary soldier and after the war continued to reside on his farm at Smithtown. His children, eleven in number, were:

1. Capt. [6]Hubbard Skidmore, born November 1, 1767.
2. [6]Zophar Skidmore, Jr.
3. [6]Elizabeth, born October 16, 1769; she married and had a daughter.
4. [6]Susannah, born March 14, 1772; married and had one daughter.
5. [6]Mary, born May 26, 1774; married.
6. [6]John, born November 11, 1776; unmarried.
7. [6]Samuel, born October 3, 1778; married; had six children.
8. [6]Jonas, born July 19, 1783.
9. [6]Solomon, born May 10, 1785; married.
10. [6]Hannah, born October 19, 1788; married; had one daughter.
11. [6]Richard, born August 24, 1791; married, and had three sons.

SKETCH OF SMITHTOWN, L. I.

Smithtown, Long Island, was called by the Indians Nissequoque or Nesaquake. Wyandanch (chief of the Montauk tribe) was involved in war with the Narragansetts for years (after the destruction of the Pequots by the New England Colonies), and being surprised by them

while celebrating his daughter's marriage, the bride was carried off captive. Lion Gardiner procured the ransom of the bride and as a reward, Wyandanch, her father, gave Gardiner large territory, now the principal part of Smithtown. In 1663 Lion Gardiner conveyed this territory to Richard Smith, who came from Rhode Island. Richard Smith, "Bull Rider," the founder and patentee of Smithtown, L. I., was an aggressive man. He fought the town of Huntington for years for the land in Smithtown west of the Nissequoque River, and finally won. His sons were Richard, Jr., and Jonathan Smith.

Judge J. L. Smith (now deceased), in his history of Smithtown, claims that his ancestor, Richard Smith, was given this territory by the grand sachem of Montauk, or all the land the said Richard Smith "could ride around on a bull in one day"; he also says that Richard Smith took lunch in a hollow, which received the name of "Bread and Cheese Hollow."

The territory which Smith claimed was the cause of much dispute, and was at last divided into ten parts, or portions, and assigned to farmers, who upon fencing, planting and building, received their land.

Thomas Skidmore, Sr., received farm No. 5, as I have previously mentioned.

Richard Smith obtained a patent from Governor Nicoll in 1665 in confirmation of his title, and Smithtown was recognized as a town in 1683, and Huntington thereby lost considerable territory.

CHAPTER X.

CAPTAIN HUBBARD SKIDMORE OF NEW YORK CITY AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

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Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore [eldest son of [5]Zophar Skidmore, Sr., of Smithtown, L. I.] was born at Nissequoque, Smithtown, L. I., November 1, 1767, and died May 28, 1841, aged seventy-three years.

Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore, while a youth, served under his father, [5]Zophar Skidmore, Sr., who was an officer in the Revolutionary army.

When about twenty years of age, [6]Hubbard Skidmore became master of a ship, and during the French War (1796-98) Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore, then in command of his ship, was captured by a French cruiser in the Gulf of Mexico, and a prize crew and officers were put on board. He treated these officers well and later recaptured his ship and took it to New Orleans, where he allowed his prisoners to go ashore. His grandson, Judge James Ridgway of New York City, now deceased, owned the two swords of the French officers.

On the 29th of June, 1805, Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore, who was sole owner and commander of the ship Mississippi, arrived in New York harbor from Nantes, France. Among his passengers was "Chancellor" Robert R. Livingston, United States minister to France, who had been appointed to the position by President Jefferson in 1801 and who had concluded in behalf of the United States government the treaty with Napoleon by which the territory known as Louisiana was ceded to the United States in 1803. It is interesting likewise to note that Mr. Livingston, while in France, became acquainted with Robert Fulton, then in Paris, and together they made experiments in steamboat navigation on the river Seine in 1803, and Mr. Livingston advised Fulton to turn his attention to the subject in America.

Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore, therefore, brought the distinguished statesman and his family back to this country and he records that

* In data in possession of Mr. Frederic Ip. McC[illegible] the name (here written Hubbard) is spelled Hub[illegible] the latter, an old English name, may have been the one intended.

when he reached Montauk Point, Long Island, Mr. Livingston advised him as it was nightfall not to attempt to go through the Sound at night but to "stand off to sea until morning." This advice Captain Skidmore thought it not best to follow as both wind and tide were favorable, and his knowledge of Long Island Sound was sufficient to warrant his passage by night through those waters.

The following morning at sunrise he anchored his ship, the Mississippi, off the Battery, to the great surprise of Mr. Livingston, who upon going ashore presented Captain Skidmore with two French armchairs, which he had brought with him from France. These mementoes, with others, are in the possession of Judge James Ridgway, who has told me of these interesting facts in the life of his grandfather.

Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore was twice married: First, on April 16, 1800, to Hannah McCoun [sister of William Townsend McCoun, vice-chancellor of the state of New York]. She was born September 16, 1781, and died February 13, 1815. The children of Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore and first wife, Hannah McCoun, were:

1. [7]Sarah Maria Skidmore, born June 4, 1804; she married James L. Ridgway.
2. [7]William Townsend Skidmore, born January 8, 1808; married, but died without children.
3. [7]Margaret Sexton, born October 19, 1809; married, and had one daughter.
4. [7]Elizabeth, born August 29, 1813; died unmarried.

Three other daughters died in infancy.

SARAH MARIA SKIDMORE OF NEW YORK.

[7]**Sarah Maria Skidmore** [eldest daughter of Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore and Hannah McCoun, his wife] was born June 4, 1804; married on June 3, 1827, to James Lawrence Ridgway, of New York. [He was the eldest son of Captain Joseph Ridgway, who was a merchant and banker, and for twenty years United States consul at the island of Santa Cruz, West Indies. His earliest ancestor in America was Richard Ridgway, who came to New York in 1679, and was one of the first landed proprietors, and a magistrate, of the "Province of New York."] James Lawrence Ridgway was born July 24, 1804. He had the "Dramatic Line" of packet-ships running be-

RIDGWAY.—Entered into rest, December 8, MARY FINLAY RIDGWAY, eldest daughter of the late James Lawrence and Sarah Maria Ridgway (née Skidmore). Funeral services at her late residence, 15 Lefferts place, Brooklyn, at two o'clock, Thursday, December 10.

tween New York and Liverpool. He was lost at sea with all on board the Collins' steamship Pacific in January, 1856. His wife, [7]Sarah Maria Skidmore, died December 7, 1868. The children of [7]Sarah Maria Skidmore and James Lawrence Ridgway were:

1. [8]Joseph Skidmore Ridgway, a lawyer, who married Margaret Stephens, and died January 18, 1891, leaving six sons and a daughter. (See sketch.)
2. [8]James Ridgway of New York City, a lawyer for more than fifty years in New York. He married Esther Lucas Molière, and has three sons and two daughters. (See sketch.)
3. [8]Mary Finlay Ridgway, who died unmarried, December 8, 1908.
4. [8]Sarah Ridgway, unmarried. Died Sunday, June 9, 1912
*5. Dr. [8]Franklin Ridgway, who was an army surgeon throughout the Civil War, and is now vice-president of the Columbia Dredging Company. He married Mary Racey, and has two daughters.
6. [8]Emma E. Ridgway, who died unmarried September 9, 1906.
7. [8]Edgar Lawrence Ridgway, who was commissioner of Croton Aqueduct, and president of Commissioners of Emigration. He married Victoria Hammil and died March 14, 1898, leaving one daughter.

HON. JOSEPH SKIDMORE RIDGWAY OF NEW YORK CITY, AND FAMILY.

[8]**Joseph Skidmore Ridgway** [eldest son of [7]Sarah M. Skidmore and James L. Ridgway] was born March 28, 1828, and died January 18, 1891. He was a lawyer in New York City. He married Margaret Stephens. Their seven children are as follows:

1. **Hon.** [9]**James W. Ridgway** [son of [8]Joseph Skidmore Ridgway and Margaret Stephens], born September 6, 1851, in New Jersey; died July 27, 1910, at Paris, France. He mar-

* Dr. Franklin Ridgway died April 6, 1911, at his residence, No. 225 West 136th Street, New York City, aged 71 years. During the *Civil War,* he was surgeon of the Seventy-third New York Regiment of Volunteers. He was present at twenty-two battles, constantly exposing himself to danger in his efforts to relieve his stricken comrades. He saw service at the battles of Williamsburg and Gettysburg. At the close of the war he was a member of General Sickles' staff. He was charter member of the *Third Corps Union* [companion of the Loyal Legion], and a member of the *Patria Club.*

He was educated at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and New York University.

Hon. James W. Ridgway
District-Attorney of Kings County, N. Y., 1884-1896
Son of Joseph Skidmore Ridgway

ried Evelyn Sandford. [9]James W. Ridgeway was a prominent lawyer in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was for four terms district attorney of Kings County, and for fourteen years a member of the Democratic State Committee. After his retirement from public office he practiced law. Mr. Ridgway was a member of the following clubs: The Brooklyn Club, the Lincoln and Kings County Democratic Club, the Andrew Jackson Club of Brooklyn, the New York Yacht Club, the Crescent Athletic Club, and the Prospect Lodge of Odd Fellows. Mr. Ridgway resided at 246 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn. He was a communicant of the Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn. He left no children.

2. [9]**Joseph Ridgway** [son of [8]Joseph Skidmore Ridgway and Margaret Stephens] was born February 21, 1853, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He married Agnes Smith. He is engaged in business in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ridgway have three children:
   (1) [10]James W. Ridgway.
   (2) [10]Joseph Skidmore Ridgway.
   (3) [10]Agnes Isabel Ridgway.
3. [9]**Charles W. Ridgway** [son of [8]Joseph Skidmore Ridgway and Margaret Stephens] was born January 22, 1855, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He married Ada Louise Clark. They have one child:
   (1) [10]Edna Florence Ridgway, born August 14, 1887. She is a graduate of the Finch School of New York City.

   Mr. [9]Charles W. Ridgway is a lawyer, with offices at 100 Broadway, New York City. He was for about twelve years assistant corporation counsel of New York City. Mr. [9]Charles W. Ridgway is a college alumnus and a member of the Society of the Genesee, and of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.
4. [9]**Mary Ridgway** [daughter of [8]Joseph Skidmore Ridgway and Margaret Stephens] was born November 2, 1857, in Brooklyn.
5. [9]**George A. Ridgway** [son of [8]Joseph Skidmore Ridgway and Margaret Stephens] was born December 6, 1859, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He is married but has no children.
6. [9]**Robert Ridgway** [son of [8]Joseph Skidmore Ridgway and Margaret Stephens] was born October 19, 1862. He mar-

ried Lillie A. Littell. They have no children. He is a civil engineer and, at present, department engineer of the "Northern Aqueduct Department" of the New York Board of Water Supply, which is engaged in the project of bringing water to New York from the watersheds of the Catskill Mountains.

7. [9]**Leonard M. Ridgway** [son of [8]Joseph Skidmore Ridgway and Margaret Stephens] was born August 24, 1866. He is unmarried. He is a counselor-at-law with offices at 100 Broadway, New York City.

JUDGE JAMES RIDGWAY OF NEW YORK CITY, AND FAMILY.

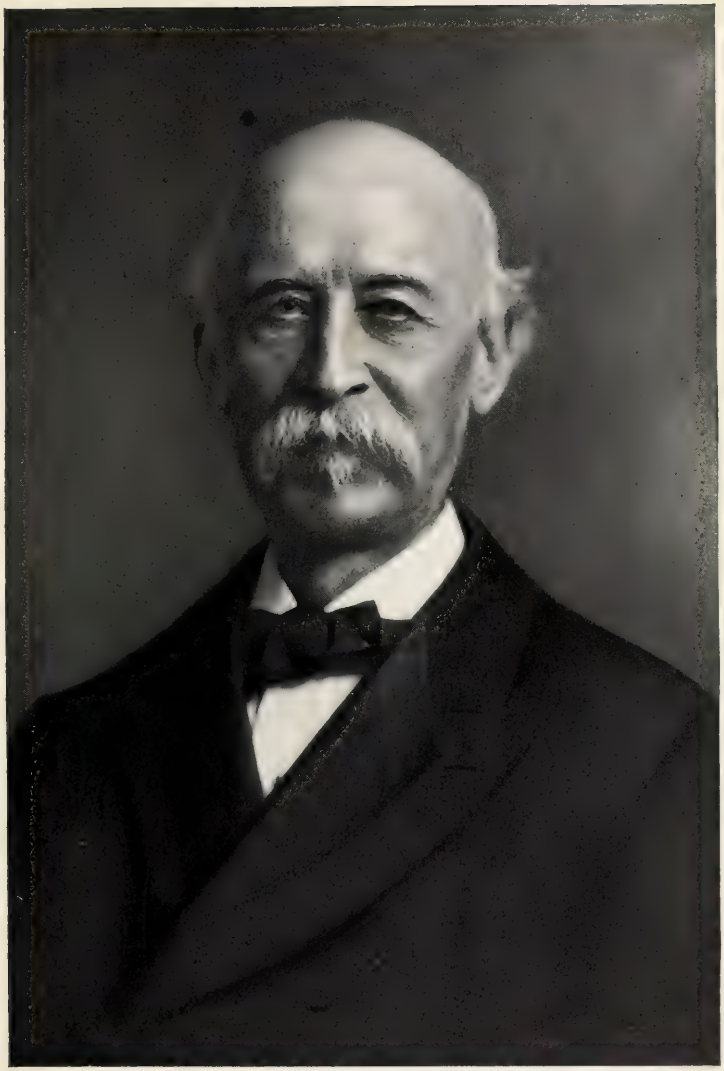
[8]**James Ridgway** [second son of [7]Sarah M. Skidmore and James Lawrence Ridgway] was born on Staten Island, N. Y., on October 28, 1829; died March 3, 1910, in New York City, while conducting a case in the courts.

[8]James Ridgway was educated in the public schools of New York and later studied law seven years in the office of Benjamin F. Butler. He was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of New York in 1851 and to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington in 1854. He was second assistant United States district attorney under J. Prescott Hall (Hon. William M. Evarts being first assistant); and under Hon. Charles O'Conor, Mr. Ridgway succeeded Mr. Evarts as first assistant United States attorney, and often was acting United States attorney.

During the Civil War Mr. Ridgway was a member of the New York Legislature. Afterwards he became a judge of the United States Court.

He was a prominent figure in the early political history of New York City and Brooklyn and a veteran lawyer. Mr. Ridgway was active until his death, having practiced at the New York bar about sixty years, and was engaged in many important cases. He daily visited his office at 220 Broadway up to the day of his death.

The writer of this book has frequently corresponded with Mr. Ridgway (as he was greatly interested in both his father's and mother's family history), and was encouraged and assisted by his knowledge of that branch of the Skidmore family with which he was connected.



Judge James Ridgway
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Son of Sarah M. Skidmore

Mr. Ridgway resided at Lefferts Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., a residence built by him nearly half a century ago. He married Esther Lucas Molière.

The five children of [8]James Ridgway and Esther Lucas Molière are:

1. **Major [9]Thomas Ridgway,** Artillery corps, United States Army. Major Ridgway is a West Point graduate, class of 1883, with honors. He has held important commands, including the command of United States Artillery, during the occupation of Pekin, China, by the allied armies in 1900-1901; also at Fort Walla Walla, Fort Caswell, and Fortress Monroe. Major Ridgway was born in 1861. He married Ruth S. Bunker in 1890; they have one son and one daughter:
   (1) [10]Matthew B. Ridgway.
   (2) [10]Ruth B. Ridgway.
2. **[9]James Lawrence Ridgway,** who is a certified public accountant. He married Martha E. Lowe, and has one daughter:
   [10]Eleanor Lowe Ridgway.
3. **[9]Frederick W. Ridgway,** who is in the White Star and International Mercantile Marine Steamship Company. He married Mary I. Anel, and has a daughter:
   [10]Mary Ida Ridgway.
4. **[9]Esther Molière Ridgway** of Brooklyn, N. Y., died February 5, 1911.
5. **[9]Marguerite Ridgway,** who married John B. Williamson, and has one daughter: Died [illegible]
   [10]Marguerite M. Williamson.

CHILDREN OF CAPTAIN HUBBARD SKIDMORE AND CAROLINE AVERY.

Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore of New York City [whose biographical sketch has already been given], after the death of his wife, Hannah McCoun, in 1815, married on February 20, 1821, Caroline Avery of Pittsburg, Pa. [She was the daughter of Thaddeus and Elizabeth Underhill Avery, and a sister of Charles Avery, the well-known philanthropist.] Caroline Avery-Skidmore was born January 22, 1796; she died December 11, 1837.

The children of Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore and Caroline Avery, his second wife, were:

1. [7]**Caroline Lucilia Skidmore** [daughter of Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore and Caroline Avery], born April 16, 1824; died August 18, 1903. She married on September 8, 1842, Captain Stephen Decatur Horton, who was born January 18, 1821, and died on October 23, 1900. Both are interred at Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, N. Y. The six children of [7]Caroline L. Skidmore and Captain Stephen Decatur Horton are:
   (1) [8]Gertrude Horton, born October 17, 1844. She married Nicholas W. Abbott.
   (2) [8]Charles D. Horton, who died, aged three years.
   (3) [8]Mary Skidmore Horton, who died, aged one year.
   (4) [8]Dudley R. Horton, born December 17, 1854. He married on October 17, 1883, Florence Cromwell, who was born March 19, 1864. Their children are:
      i. [9]Fannie Cromwell Horton, who married Samuel P. Demorest on October 7, 1908. She was born February 23, 1888.
      ii. [9]Dudley Remington Horton, born August 23, 1891.
      iii. [9]Cromwell Skidmore Horton, born January 27, 1896.
   (5) [8]Estelle Mary Horton, born May 2, 1857. She married, first, E. L. Woodin, on August 9, 1877. Her second husband was John R. Glover, to whom she was married on September 20, 1894. The children of [8]Estelle Mary Horton and Edward Woodin, her first husband, are:
      i. [9]Edward Bruce Woodin, born May 29, 1878; he died January 8, 1879.
      ii. [9]Estelle L. Woodin, born January 4, 1880.
   (6) [8]Howard Lispenard Horton, born October 10, 1861. He married on March 8, 1896, Louisa Van Zandt.
2. [7]**Mary Skidmore** (daughter of Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore and Caroline Avery); married Edward D. Wilson.
3. [7]**Estelle Emma Skidmore** (daughter of Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore and Caroline Avery) was born May 6, 1830, in New York City. She married on October 1, 1850, Prof.

Estelle Emma Skidmore

Wife of Professor Robert Ogden Doremus, of New York City

[Reproduced from a miniature]

Robert Ogden Doremus of New York City. He was born on January 11, 1824.

[7]Estelle E. Skidmore Doremus died in New York City May 21, 1905. Her husband, Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus, died March 22, 1906.

MRS. ROBERT OGDEN DOREMUS OF NEW YORK CITY.

[ESTELLE EMMA SKIDMORE.]

Mrs. Doremus, the beautiful and brilliant wife of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus, was the third daughter of Captain [6]Hubbard Skidmore and his wife, Caroline Avery. Mrs. Doremus was educated at Madam Mears' boarding school, and soon after her graduation, on October 1, 1850, she married Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus (son of Thomas Cornelius and Sarah Platt Haines Doremus). Their city residence was at 70 Union Place, between 18th and 19th streets, New York City. It was a fine mansion with ample grounds and gardens which afforded playgrounds for the youth of that neighborhood; and this home became in time a rendezvous for the most distinguished men and women of social, literary, political, scientific and artistic circles.

Mrs. Doremus was a great leader in the social world. She was a fine stage manager and many times organized large amateur entertainments for charitable purposes, which were held in the Academy of Music. Twice she arranged with the assistance of Mr. Vincent (Edwin Booth's manager) to drill 250 children who were the participants in the play "Cinderella," these children representing the most exclusive homes in the city; she also arranged the "Mistletoe Bough" and "The Sleeping Beauty," both amateur performances.

Mrs. Doremus was an enthusiastic Daughter of the American Revolution, and for a number of years was Regent of the New York City chapter. She was the first woman to enter the order as "A Real Daughter of the American Revolution," her father having served when a boy of fourteen as "powder boy" at a gun.

Mrs. Doremus took an active part in the "Sanitary Fair," held during the Civil War; she also aided greatly in the French Fair.

Both Mrs. Doremus and her husband were great befrienders of artists, and knew many, in fact, all the distinguished artists of our country and those who visited it. Adelina Patti and Christine Nilsson they knew as young girls abroad and they were ever welcome to their

home when in this country. It was while a guest in their home in New York that Christine Nilsson was serenaded by the musical circles of the city. Adelaide Phillips, the great contralto, was an intimate friend and used frequently to visit them. Ole Bull, the great violinist and statesman, was a most devoted friend and admirer and spent all the time possible at their home. He left his watch and long chain (which had been presented to him by professors and pupils of the American Musical Conservatory, New York, in June, 1868) to Dr. Doremus, and it descended to Arthur Lispenard Doremus.

Edwin Booth; Salvini; Urso, the great violinist; Campanini; Tamberlik; Mrs. Scott Siddons; and many other world-wide artists, were warm friends of Mrs. Doremus.

Dr. and Mrs. Doremus had a family of seven sons and one daughter, to each of whom they were the most devoted parents. They resided with their family for some time in Paris, where they formed friends in the highest circles.

Mrs. Doremus died in 1905 in New York City; she was survived by her husband, three sons and a daughter.

SKETCH OF PROF. ROBERT OGDEN DOREMUS OF NEW YORK CITY, CHEMIST.

Professor Doremus was born in New York City January 11, 1824. His father, Thomas C. Doremus, was a merchant of wealth and one of the founders of New York University.

Professor Doremus' mother (Mrs. T. C. Doremus of New York City) was a lady of rare social gifts. In the parlors of her residence was organized in 1860 the Union Missionary Society, the first corporate body of women in this country, now represented by more than 57,000 missionary societies in the United States and Canada, which in 1909 raised over $3,000,000 to lift the burden of wrongs resting on womanhood in non-Christian lands. [Missionary Jubilee celebrated, 1910-11.]

Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus was a graduate of Columbia and New York universities. He was graduated A. B. at the latter in 1842, receiving A. M. in 1845; also M. D. in 1850, and LL.D. in 1871. He also studied abroad.

Dr. Doremus became professor of chemistry and physics in the College of the City of New York and held the chair forty years. He

was professor of chemistry and toxicology in various medical colleges. He was always a gifted extemporaneous speaker, and illustrated his lectures with brilliant experiments.

He assisted in founding the Long Island College hospital and occupied the chair of chemistry there many years; also at Bellevue hospital. He was one of the best known public lecturers in the country, and was president of the Medico-Legal Society in 1885-86, and a member of the Union League Club, the St. Nicholas, and many scientific societies. The National Cyclopædia says of Professor Doremus:

"He was a member of the medical advisory commission, headed by Dr. Valentine Mott, which took steps to abolish the abuses of the gas and slaughter houses, the evils of the tenements, and other unsanitary conditions; in 1865 he was intrusted by Mayor Gunther with the disinfection of the steamer Atalanta, which arrived with an epidemic of cholera. He introduced the disinfection of ships by the use of chlorine and thus did away with the forty-day detention in quarantine. The wards of many hospitals in New York, especially those of Bellevue, were thoroughly disinfected with chlorine. He labored against the sale of adulterated milk in the city, and was a strong advocate of the modern methods of purifying water supplies. He labored for a dissemination of the knowledge of methods for the prevention of fires, advocating vigorously the use of chemicals to render scenery, clothing, house furnishing and buildings uninflammable, and devised a method of extinguishing fires on ships. He aided Hall in perfecting, introducing and protecting his system of electric railway signals now so largely used on the different railways in many states to prevent accidents. He was frequently called as an expert witness in cases of forgery and other matters of a medico-legal nature. Dr. Doremus' practice was of wide scope. His remarkable ability in presenting facts clearly and concisely and of remaining unshaken, under the severest cross-examination, led to his being retained as an expert in many important patent litigations.

"Dr. Doremus also discovered that granulated gunpowder when compressed would throw a projectile further than the same weight of ordinary gunpowder, and that by the use of compressed cartridges, the customary serge envelope, used in muzzle-loading cannon, and the sponging after the discharge, were rendered unnecessary. Experiments made by him at West Point led to the adoption of the compressed powder by the government and by the leading manufacturers of powder. He visited France in 1862, and conducted experiments before Emperor Napoleon III., and his generals, which resulted in the adoption of compressed cartridges by the French government. Later this type of powder was used in the form of water-proof cartridges, in excavating nearly all the eight miles of the Mont Cenis

tunnel. While in Paris, Dr. Doremus, with M. Bianchi, made the first exhibition to the French Academy of liquefied and solidified laughing gas (nitrous oxide)."

Professor Doremus was an enthusiast in regard to music, understood it well, wrote music, and played the B-flat cornet delightfully, giving it the tones of a rich voice. Many noted artists such as Parepa Rosa, Christine Nilsson, Adelaide Phillips and others, used to enjoy singing duets with his cornet.

Professor Doremus was the first amateur president of the Philharmonic Society* of New York. He insisted that the society double its number of musicians and take the Academy of Music for its concerts, and always engage the greatest artists for soloists, which changes placed them on their present footing.

When Professor Doremus died on March 22, 1906, the Philharmonic Society desired to be allowed to play at his funeral, especially requesting that their music should be the last played for him. On this occasion they were led by their vice-president and first violinist, Mr. Arnold, who played the violin obligatos; Miss Maude Morgan, harpist. Mrs. Gerrit Smith, soprano, Miss Marguerite Hall, contralto, Mr. John Young, tenor, and Mr. Francis Rogers, baritone, participated.

The notes from which the author has written this sketch of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and wife were furnished by Miss Estelle E. Doremus of New York City, their accomplished daughter.

The eight children of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and [7]Estelle Emma Skidmore are as follows:

1. [8]**Dr. Charles Avery Doremus** [son of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and [7]Estelle E. Skidmore] was born in New York City September 6, 1851. He is a graduate of the College of the City of New York; studied in Heidelberg and Leipzig (1870-83). He received the degrees of A. M. and Ph. D. from Heidelberg in 1873; M. D. Buffalo in 1879. [8]Charles Avery Doremus is professor of chemical toxicology and medical jurisprudence. He has been connected with many colleges. He represented the United States at the International Congress of applied chemistry in Paris in the year 1896; he is a writer of distinction in the field of his profession, and resides at No. 55 West 53d Street,

* Louis Schriber, who was a charter member of this society, and known as one of the world's greatest cornetists, accompanying both Patti and Ole Bull on concert tours as soloist, died in California August 3, 1910.

Estelle E. Doremus

Daughter of Estelle E. Skidmore and Prof. R. Ogden Doremus

New York City. On August 4, 1880, Dr. [8]Charles Avery Doremus married Elizabeth Ward [daughter of George W. Ward (born, 1808; died, 1870), and Josephine Harris (born, 1823; died, 1901)]. Elizabeth Ward was born at Newport, Ky., on May 24, 1853. She was educated by private instructors at home, and in Germany, Italy and France. After her marriage to Dr. [8]Charles A. Doremus her residence became New York City. Mrs. Doremus is a woman of unusual abilities and great vigor, possessing linguistic talent; she is devoted to dramatic art, producing original plays, and translations from the French and Italian, which have been presented at the Lyceum Theatre in New York City and other places.

The children of Dr. [8]Charles A. Doremus and Elizabeth Ward are:

(1) [9]Robert Ogden Doremus, born November 30, 1882. He died August 9, 1883.

(2) [9]Norvin Green Doremus, born July 29, 1884. He died August 3, 1884.

(3) [9]Katherine Ward Doremus, born March 24, 1889, the only surviving child of Dr. [8]Charles A. Doremus, was married to Park Benjamin, Jr., on June 9, 1909.

2. [8]Thomas Cornelius Doremus [son of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and [7]Estelle E. Skidmore] was born on October 22, 1854. Resides at Whitestone, L. I.

3. [8]Robert Ogden Doremus [son of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and [7]Estelle E. Skidmore] was born July 30, 1857. He died in October, 1872.

4. [8]Fordyce Barker Doremus [son of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and [7]Estelle E. Skidmore] was born January 20, 1860, and died August 7, 1860.

5. [8]Estelle E. Doremus [daughter of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and [7]Estelle E. Skidmore] was born July 27, 1861. Resides in New York City and South Orange, New Jersey.

6. [8]Austin Flint Doremus [son of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and [7]Estelle E. Skidmore] was born December 17, 1866, and died June 26, 1868.

7. [8]Clarence Seward Doremus [son of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and [7]Estelle E. Skidmore] was born March 23, 1868, and died November 30, 1881.

8. [8]Arthur Lispenard Doremus [son of Prof. Robert Ogden Doremus and [7]Estelle E. Skidmore] was born September 3, 1869. He graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1890. Mr. Doremus is vice-president of the Crocker-Wheeler Company, manufacturers and electrical engineers. He has traveled extensively.

Hon. George H. Scidmore
American Consul-General at Seoul, Korea
[Formerly Consul-General at Kobe, Japan]

CHAPTER XI.

ZOPHAR SCIDMORE, JR., AND FAMILY.

[6]**Zophar Scidmore, Jr.** [son of [5]Zophar Scidmore, Sr., of Smithtown, L. I.], was born at Smithtown about the year 1768. He was apprenticed to his eldest brother, Captain Hubbard Skidmore (or Scidmore), who was a sea captain. [6]Zopha Scidmore, Jr., married and had a son:

[7]**Solomon Scidmore,** and probably other children. This branch retained the early form of spelling, namely, Scidmore.

[7]Solomon Scidmore [son of [6]Zophar Scidmore, Jr.] married Ruhamah Bolles. She was a daughter of Captain Thomas Bolles of Baltimore, Md. He was a French officer and came to America with General Lafayette.

[7]Solomon Scidmore and wife resided in Herkimer County, New York State. They had a son:

[8]**George Bolles Scidmore** [son of [7]Solomon Scidmore and Ruhamah Bolles] was born in Herkimer County, New York, about the year 1817. His family owned land upon which part of the city of Rochester, New York, is built.

[8]George B. Scidmore married Eliza Catherine Sweeney, and they resided in the state of Iowa.

[8]George B. Scidmore died on March 18, 1898, at San Diego, California.

The children of [8]George B. and Eliza C. Skidmore are:

1. [9]George Hawthorne Scidmore.
2. [9]Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore.

HON. GEORGE HAWTHORNE SCIDMORE, AMERICAN CONSUL-GENERAL AT SEOUL, KOREA.

Hon. [9]George H. Scidmore [son of [8]George Bolles and Eliza C. Scidmore, and grandson of [7]Solomon Scidmore] was born at Dubuque,

Iowa, on October 12, 1854. He was educated in private schools in Madison, Wis., and Washington. He received the degree of LL.B. from the law department of the National University at Washington in 1876, and was admitted to the bar in 1876.

Mr. Scidmore has enjoyed a remarkable career in the consular service,* which has extended over a period of more than thirty years.

Mr. Scidmore was consular clerk at Liverpool in 1876, and at Paris from 1878-81; he was vice-consul at Dunfermline in 1877, at Osaka in 1884; vice-consul-general at Shanghai in 1885; vice-consul and deputy consul-general at Kanazawa from 1885-91; and special agent to investigate claims of American citizens to lands in Fiji Islands in 1891.

Mr. Scidmore was barrister and solicitor of British court for Japan in 1893; deputy consul-general at Kanazawa from 1894-1902; and deputy consul-general at Yokohama from 1902-04; legal adviser to American legation and embassy at Tokio from 1904-07; American consul at Nagasaki beginning March 30, 1907; promoted American consul at Kobe, Japan, June 2, 1909. Mr. Scidmore is now (1910) American consul-general at Seoul, Korea,† to which office he was promoted from Kobe, Japan.

Hon. [9]George H. Scidmore was for several years a lecturer on American and English law in the Tokio English Law School. He is

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* The Consular Service is one of very great importance, involving as it does the duty of aiding American citizens in extending and developing their foreign trade, and protecting them in all rightful privileges provided by treaty, or usage.

The American Consul may be called upon to settle the personal estates of Americans who die abroad without legal representatives, when so permitted by treaty, law or usage.

He must protect the health of our seaports by reporting the sanitary conditions of the port at which he resides.

In certain countries of the Far East consular officers are invested with judicial powers over American citizens in those countries, which may include the trial of civil cases to which Americans are parties, and sometimes extend to the trial of criminal cases.

One of the most important duties of an American consul is the promotion of American commerce, by reporting opportunities for the introduction of American products, aiding in the establishment of relations between American and foreign commercial houses.

† The Korean imperial house consented to abdicate and become a princely house of Japan in August, 1910, after a history of more than 500 years.

In ancient times Japan overran the Korean country under Hideyoshi, and was driven back by Chinese assistance. After this period Korea was nominally dependent upon China, except from the time of the Japanese war with China to the breaking out of the Russian war with Japan, when Korea enjoyed a brief independence.

By the annexation of Korea in August, 1910, Japan became a continental state with frontiers marching with those of Russia and China. Korea received the title of Cho-sen.

Japan acquired some twelve million subjects by the annexation.

Christianity has been given a truly royal reception in Korea. The faith, the enthusiasm, and the devotion of the early Korean Christians present a unique demonstration of the power of the Gospel.

likewise a member of numerous societies abroad; among the number are: The Asiatic Society, and the American Asiatic Association, of which Mr. Scidmore has been secretary seven terms. He is a member of the following clubs, namely: Tokio, Yokohama Yacht club (commodore eight terms), Kobe, Nagasaki-International, Yokohama Social, Nagasaki. He is a thirty-second degree Free Mason.

Mr. Scidmore is author of the book, "American Consular Courts in Japan," and other works pertaining to government affairs.

Mr. Scidmore has expressed much interest in my work and has several times written me while residing in Japan. His present residence is the American Consulate, Seoul, Korea.

ELIZA RUHAMAH SCIDMORE OF WASHINGTON, D. C., AUTHOR AND TRAVELER.

[9]Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore [daughter of [8]George Bolles and Eliza C. Scidmore] was born at Clinton, Iowa, on October 14, 1856. Miss Scidmore was educated at boarding schools. She is a gifted woman and a great traveler; has many times visited China, India, the Philippines and other Eastern lands. She is one of the best known writers on the Far East, and her "China, the Long-Lived Empire," issued by the Century Company, just at the time of the troubles in China, had a very large sale. Miss Scidmore is the author of many books, notably the following: "Alaska, the Southern Coast and the Sitkan Archipelago," 1885; "Jinrikisha Days in Japan," 1890; "Westward to the Far East," "From East to West," "Guide to Alaska and the Northwest Coast," 1890; "Java, the Garden of the East," 1897; "China, the Long-Lived Empire," 1900; "Winter India," 1903; "As the Hague Ordains," 1907. Miss Scidmore was one of the secretaries of the Oriental Congress held a few years since in Rome.

For some years she has written for the *National Geographic Magazine of America,* being their foreign secretary. Her illustrated articles in this magazine are of great value to the scientific world, particularly those on archæology.

Miss Scidmore wrote an illuminating article on the "Inner Life of the late Emperor and Empress of China," which appeared in the *New York Herald,* June, 1909.

The March number of the *Century Magazine,* 1910, contained a highly interesting article by Miss Scidmore on "The Cherry Blossoms

of Japan,"* apropos of Japan's gift of several thousand choice cherry trees to Potomac Park, Washington, D. C., and to Riverside Park, New York City.

This generous gift was made possible largely through Miss Scidmore's influence.

Miss Scidmore's residence when in this country is Washington, D. C.

Her middle name, Ruhamah,† is the family name of her great-great-grandmother.

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* Japan is a land of flowers. In April the cherry blossoms call forth admiring thousands who celebrate the event by holding national festivals, some of the avenues in Tokio being a bower of pink bloom. Miss Scidmore writes that "No other flower in all the world is so beloved, so exalted, so worshiped as sa-kura-no-hana, the cherry blossom of Japan. It is not only the national flower, but the symbol of purity, the emblem of chivalry and knightly honor, the crest of a cult the vernal celebration of which has been observed with unflagging zeal for at least two thousand years."

In May the purple wistaria covers arbors and trellises, some of the flowering racemes being two and three feet long.

August brings the sacred lotus-flowers, symbol of divinity, covering the waters of inland streams.

November is the season of the chrysanthemum, and splendid exhibits are shown of these imperial flowers.

† The name Ruhamah was also borne by Rev. Ammi Ruhamah Robbins, first pastor of the Congregational Church at Norfolk, Conn. It appears again on the stone of Ruhamah Robinson in the private cemetery at "Cononchet Estate," Narragansett Pier. This estate was a plantation belonging to Governor Atwood Robinson of Rhode Island and originally embraced several thousand acres, lying about a mile north of Narragansett Pier. War Governor Sprague of Rhode Island later acquired the old mansion and made the estate one of the most beautiful in the state, and after being an object of interest for half a century the mansion was destroyed by fire in October, 1909. The old graveyard was near the house. My interest in the name Ruhamah has caused me to insert these facts.

Your Regent wishes you a
Happy New Year!

N. Y. C. C. D. A. R.

IMPORTANT.

As a member of the New York City Chapter D. A. R., you are cordially invited to participate in the annual celebration of

General Washington's
Wedding Day

January 6th, 1912, at Sherry's 5th Avenue and 44th Street. Reception at three o'clock P. M., followed by addresses and music. Elaborate decorations.

As no collation will be served, there will be **No Charge** to members of the Chapter, **nor to their guests. Members may invite as many guests as desired to the Reception.** (No cards of entrance necessary.) Immediately upon conclusion of Reception and progamme, there will be served a

Banquet
by
"Earlye Candlelight."

The charge will be three dollars ($3.00) per plate—to members of the Chapter and for their guests. Each member may invite as many guests as she desires.

Tickets at $3.00 each may be procured from the Treasurer,
Mrs. Frank J. Blodgett,
140 West 72d Street.

As the Banquet last year was so brilliantly successful, you are urged to attend this coming one and to invite large parties of guests—men and women. The Committee will seat parties together. Please notify the Chairman of Committee:

Mrs. Elmer J. Post,
Spencer Arms,
Broadway and 69th Street,

as early as possible, of your intention to be present, so that your seats may be reserved.

MRS. DONALD MCLEAN
Hon. Pres't Gen'l, and Regent

(MRS.) M. C. MURRAY HYDE
Secretary

Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore
Washington, D. C.

CHAPTER XII.

SAMUEL, SOLOMON AND RICHARD SKIDMORE, SONS OF ZOPHAR SKIDMORE, SR.

[6]**Samuel Skidmore** [son of [5]Zophar, Sr., of Smithtown, L. I.] was born October 3, 1778. He married Phebe Weeks, and had several children. One of his descendants, Emily Skidmore, died at Nyack, N. Y., in December, 1908, unmarried.

[6]**Solomon Skidmore** [son of [5]Zophar Skidmore, Sr.] was born at Smithtown, L. I., May 10, 1785. He married Phebe McCoun, sister of the vice-chancellor, William McCoun.

The daughter of [6]Solomon and Phebe Skidmore was:

[7]Phebe Skidmore, born in 1820, who lived in the "Old Ladies' Seamen's Home" at Stapleton, S. I.

[6]Solomon Skidmore married for his second wife, Susan Bacon, and had a daughter:

[7]Sarah Skidmore, who married John Burr; they have two daughters, who live at Nyack, N. Y.

[6]Solomon Skidmore was lost at sea in command of his ship, Atlantic, in 1832.

[6]**Richard Skidmore** [youngest child of [5]Zophar Scidmore, Sr., of Smithtown, L. I.] was born August 24, 1791. He lived in New York City (7th Ward), and later had a farm at Smithtown, L. I. He married Susan Griffiths, and had two sons and a daughter:

1. [7]Augustus Skidmore.
2. [7]Henry Skidmore.
3. [7]Frances Skidmore, who married Fred K. Griffiths.

CHAPTER XIII.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF EARLY DAYS IN NEW YORK CITY.

I see a mighty city covering the isle they call Manhattan—
The gateway city of a golden world:

A city girt with masts, and crowned with spires,
And swarming with a host of busy men,
While to her open door across the bay
The ships of all the nations flock like doves.

—*Henry Van Dyke, 1909.*

When our ancestor, Thomas Scudamore, crossed to Long Island and became one of the founders of Huntington, the Dutch rule on Manhattan Island and vicinity was passing to the English; but the debt which the New World owes the sturdy settlers from Holland will always link the two nations in lasting fellowship.

The splendid naval, military and historical pageants of 1909, which made New York City and the Hudson River Valley the focus of all eyes, were one proof of this loyalty—and the presentation of "Five Historical Tablets" to Holland in 1909, commemorative of events and persons associated with our country's destinies, was yet another proof of loyalty.

As many of the descendants of Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer ancestor, became residents of Manhattan and Long Island, and some of them attained both wealth and influence there, I will give facts connected with the first settlement on this island, as I have secured them from a study of historical papers and tablets.

Although Hendrick Hudson (whose great discoveries have so recently been commemorated) entered New York Bay in 1609, no

attempt at settlement on Manhattan Island was made until 1614, when a "trading post" was established.

Jesse de Forrest, a Walloon (foreigner), born about 1570 at Avesnes, then in the Netherlands, now in France, left in 1622 with thirty-one families for New Netherlands. His was the first colonizing company to sail for the country which Hendrick Hudson had discovered.

In 1626 the Dutch commissioned Peter Minuet (of Huguenot ancestry) to become Director General of New Netherlands. He purchased the Island of Manhattan from the Indians for sixty guilders or the equivalent of about $24. The city of New Amsterdam, later to be known as New York City, thus had its beginning.

New Netherlands as occupied by the Dutch included the country between the Connecticut and the Susquehanna rivers.

It is also interesting to recall that four of our original thirteen states were settled from the Netherlands.

The year 1609 was perhaps quite as important to our country's history as the year 1620. Holland was in full sympathy with the struggle of our forefathers. She furnished millions of money in time of our need, was the first to salute our flag, and the second to recognize our independence.

Peter Stuyvesant (fourth Dutch governor) surrendered the New Netherlands to the English in 1664, and Colonel Richard Nicolls (Nicholls) was created the first English governor. It was this governor who granted in 1666 to the early settlers at Huntington, L. I., the "patent" on which we find the name of Thomas Scudamore.

The name New York was at this time substituted for New Amsterdam. New York City was incorporated in 1665, but was without a formal charter until 1686. The first mayor was Captain Willet. On the city seal of New York are windmill sails and barrels of flour.

In 1755 New York City extended one mile in length and was divided into seven wards. It numbered about 15,000 inhabitants and 2,500 dwellings. In the City Hall, a two-story brick building, were located the public school and the common prison.

The Dutch settlers on Manhattan organized a church in 1628, and Rev. Jonas Michaelius came from Holland and became their minister. (He was born in 1577 and was a graduate of the University of Leyden.) He brought his wife and three little daughters to Manhattan. The early religious services were held "within the Fort,"

in an upper room over the mill; the exact spot is now the rear of Nos. 20-28 William Street. Previous to his arrival, tradition says, "two laymen, Sebastian Krol and Jan Huyck, read the Scriptures on the Sabbath at the 'Church in the Fort,' and attended the sick."

Peter Minuet, director-general, was the first elder of the church in 1628.

The second minister who came to this church was Rev. Everardus Bogardus, who built in 1633 a frame church edifice now known as 33 Pearl Street.

In 1642 a stone church edifice was erected "within the Fort," which accommodated the people for fifty years. It was called St. Nicholas' Protestant Reformed Dutch Church in honor of the patron saint of Holland whose birthday they yearly celebrated on December 6.

The new United States Custom House now occupies the site of the ancient St. Nicholas Church.

From this "Church within the Fort" on Manhattan Island originated the Collegiate Reformed (Dutch) Church of New York City, which has the distinction of being the oldest Protestant church on this continent.

From the start, this church was fully organized and had a salaried ministry, many persons bringing letters from the church in Holland; their ministers were men of high attainments. This church is rich in noble traditions, and splendid achievements, and is of great interest to students of history.

Of the eight or more Collegiate Reformed (Dutch) churches in New York City to-day, the Church of St. Nicholas, located at Fifth Avenue and 48th Street, represents the "Church within the Fort," founded in 1628. The bell in the tower was cast in Holland in 1731. This church is in possession of valuable mementoes illustrative of its long history. These articles were exhibited in the chapel of this church during the recent celebration of the 300th anniversary of Hudson's discovery.

The Collegiate Reformed Church is the only one in this country having a coat-of-arms, the arms of the Reformed Church of Holland. On the coat-of-arms are two mottoes:—

"Nisi Dominus Frustra."
(Without the Lord all is vain.)
"Endracht Maakt Macht."
(Union makes Strength.)

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A list of all ministers who have served the Collegiate Church of New York City was furnished me by one of the pastors of this church, and may be found in the addendum.

Several of the prominent Skidmore families have been communicants of the Reformed Dutch Church, including those of Captain Hubbard Skidmore, and of William L. Skidmore, and the Doremus family.

Trinity Church, New York City, was founded in 1697. The English government gave it the present site, and an additional gift of "Queen Anne's Farm" was made later.

Dr. Vesey served the church as rector for fifty years.

The first edifice, which was burned in the Revolutionary period, was rebuilt in 1788. The present noble building was erected in 1846, and is a spot of great interest, with its historic churchyard. Queen Anne gave to this church its silver chancel service, as she did to several of the Long Island churches. The marble altar in Trinity is of great beauty.

Samuel Tredwell Skidmore, Sen., was vestryman and warden in Trinity Church from 1848 to 1881, and his family was connected with this church.

The Dutch settlers established a school on Manhattan Island (New York City) in 1633. Adam Roelantsen came from Holland to be its master. In 1664 this school was taken over by the Collegiate Reformed Church of New York City. It is now in existence and located at Nos. 241-243 West Seventy-seventh Street, adjoining the church property on that street.

Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., was, of course, the educational center of the Dutch Americans.

I have referred to the "Five Historical Tablets" unveiled in Holland in the Summer of 1909. Rev. William Elliot Griffis, D. D., of Ithaca, N. Y., was the bearer of these memorials in brass, from this country to Holland, and presented them in the presence of large and enthusiastic assemblies to the several cities which Americans desired to honor, namely:

Historic Leyden (which sheltered not only the Pilgrim Fathers, who founded New England, but the Walloons and Huguenots, founders of New York).

A "Memorial of Gratitude," unveiled in Legislative Hall, commemorated the first vote taken by Holland to recognize the United States of America.

A brass tablet set up at Nijkerk stated that from this place the youth, Ardent Van Curler, went forth in 1637 to found the city of Schenectady, N. Y. (a city rich in traditions). Nijkerk was also the home of Kilian Van Rensselaer, who purchased of the Indians the land which is now comprised in the counties of Albany and Rensselaer, N. Y.

The "Livingston tablet" was presented to the University of Utrecht by Rutgers alumni, who hailed this ancient university as their alma mater, their leading spirit, Rev. John Livingston, having taken his theological course there.

Another bronze was placed in the early church at Utrecht.

The Indians of New York State were of five or six related tribes—Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas, Senecas. They formed the Iroquois confederacy, as it was known.

In July, 1909, when the 300th anniversary of the discovery of Lake Champlain was celebrated, Iroquois and Algonquin Indians participated in the celebration with English, French and American statesmen.

> Lulled are the passion and the pain;
> The legend and the race remain.

EMIGRATION OF NEW YORK AND LONG ISLAND PEOPLE TO NOVA SCOTIA.

In the summer of 1776 the battle of Long Island placed New York in the control of General Howe, and for a period of six or seven years that city was the center of British rule in this country, and the seat of a powerful garrison.

After the declaration of peace many of the loyalists of New York and Long Island, and New England as well, finding their position uncomfortable, returned to the old country, but many more emigrated to Nova Scotia, where British rule remained undisturbed.

The Episcopalians, or Church-of-England men, were nearly all Tory in feeling; the Independents, or Presbyterians, were Whigs.

Merchants and persons interested in trade, both on Long Island and in New England, quite generally were opposed to the Revolution.

The Skidmore family as a whole appears to have been inactive during the Revolutionary period, and probably favored the Crown.

The failure to trace some of the branches of the Long Island Skidmores at this period, leads me to believe that some of them at

least, joined the great tide of emigration which commenced about the year 1782, when 500 Loyalists sailed from New York for Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. Every provision was made for their reception in the new home and large grants of land were allotted to each family.

Mr. Amos Botsford, of Newtown, Conn., went with one of these emigrations and founded a prominent family in Nova Scotia.

The most important emigration took place in 1783, when, protected by one or two war vessels, sixteen square-rigged ships and several schooners left New York carrying nearly 500 families, whose destination was Port Roseway, Shelburne, where they laid out a city.

The second emigration of 1783, to the Acadian Province, comprised twenty vessels, carrying 3,000 people. These settled at St. John. In fact, the records show that within a few months nearly 7,000 Royalists made their way to Nova Scotia, along the St. John's river. Judge Jones, in his history, "New York during the Revolutionary War," estimates that the entire number of Loyalists who left the American Colonies from first to last may have been over 100,000. It is not known how large a proportion were officers and men of the provincial regiments.

CHAPTER XIV.

THOMAS SKIDMORE OF HUNTINGTON, SON OF JOHN, SR., AND GREAT-GRANDSON OF THOMAS I.

[4]**Thomas Skidmore** [son of [3]John Skidmore, Sr.] lived at "Fresh Pond," Huntington, L. I. He married on August 25, 1738, Hulda Smith. They had sons:

1. [5]Thomas Skidmore.
2. [5]Henry Skidmore.

[5]**Thomas Skidmore** [son of [4]Thomas] was baptized August 23, 1741, and died, 1808. He married Phebe ———. His will was proven at Riverhead in February, 1808. In his will, he mentions his wife, Phebe, and the following children:

1. [6]Jones Skidmore.
2. [6]David Skidmore.
3. [6]Jesse Skidmore.
4. [6]Charlotte Skidmore.
5. [6]Mary Skidmore.
6. [6]Abigail Skidmore.

[6]**David Skidmore** [son of [5]Thomas and Phebe Skidmore] was born March 3, 1771. He died March 14, 1813, aged 42 years. Married Sarah Bryant. She was born July 4, 1776, and died July 4, 1858. Buried at Genola Cemetery.

The four children of [6]David and Sarah Skidmore were:

1. [7]Experience Skidmore.
2. [7]Anna Skidmore, who died April 17, 1815, aged 17 years.
3. [7]Bryan Skidmore, born August 3, 1800. He married Mary Smith, who was born October 28, 1803, and had the following children:
   (1) [8]David, born November 15, 1831.
   (2) [8]Hannah, born September 8, 1833.
   (3) [8]Nathaniel, born January 19, 1837.

(4) [8]Anna, born July 19, 1839.
(5) [8]Agnes, born December 12, 1841.
(6) [8]John, born December 15, 1845.
(7) [8]George, born May 15, 1847.

4. [7]Abigail Skidmore, born July 29, 1803.

[5]**Henry Skidmore** [son of [4]Thomas Skidmore, as we suppose] was born about the year 1750-55. He married and had a son, [6]Jesse, and others.

[6]**Jesse Skidmore,** born in 1786-87. He died January 7, 1865, aged 78 years, 8 months. He married Fannie Highby, who died December 23, 1865, aged 78 years, 10 months. Both buried in Genola Cemetery. The children of [6]Jesse and Fannie Highby Skidmore are:

1. [7]Charles Skidmore.
2. [7]Sarah Skidmore.
3. [7]David Skidmore.
4. [7]Hannah Skidmore.
5. [7]Ann Skidmore.
6. [7]Thomas Skidmore.

[7]**Thomas Skidmore** [son of [6]Jesse and Fannie Highby Skidmore] was born October 2, 1825, and died June 27, 1907. He married Mary A. ———. She was born October 12, 1830, and died December 10, 1865. They lived and died at "Claypits," now Larkfield, L. I., and are buried in the Genola Cemetery.

The children of [7]Thomas Skidmore and wife, Mary A., are:

1. [8]Elmer E. Skidmore, who resides in Northport, L. I. He is connected with the Edward Thompson Publishing Company of Northport (publishers of law books). He is married and has one daughter:
   [9]May Skidmore.
2. [8]Fannie Skidmore [daughter of [7]Thomas] married first, Edward Darling of Stony Brook; second, Chester T. Smith. The children of [8]Fannie Skidmore are:
   (1) [9]Edwina Darling (by first marriage).
   (2) [9]Minnie Alice Smith (by second marriage).
   (3) [9]Fannie Beatrice Smith (by second marriage).
3. [8]Alice Skidmore [daughter of [7]Thomas] married Frank Corwin of Riverhead, L. I. Their daughter:
   [9]M. Aleta Corwin, resides in Riverhead, L. I.
4. [8]Georgia Skidmore [daughter of [7]Thomas].

RICHARD SKIDMORE OF SOUTHOLD AND HUNTINGTON, L. I.

CHAPTER XV.

RICHARD SKIDMORE OF SOUTHOLD AND HUNTINGTON, L. I.—1658.

[1]**Richard Skidmore,** an early settler on Long Island, received a "Town-meeting grant" of land (located in Southold, L. I.) in November, 1658, the record being as follows:

"Att the Towne Meeting then held, it was granted that Richard Skydmore should have ffower acres of land next the Cartway lyinge to Richard Brownes whom lott for a house lott (at the east end of the Towne, west of the residence of Beulah Goldsmith) and meadowe and Comons to make it in proportion to a first lott, in case he fence and built on itt for a habitacon, not otherwise."

[1]Richard Skidmore removed from Southold to Huntington. His name is mentioned in an ancient history of Huntington, but nothing more is known of him. I have heard that he had a son Richard, and daughters, but I can learn nothing whatever concerning them. His descendants are thought to have appeared in Huntington later on. I believe him to have been a brother of Thomas, the pioneer.

Southold occupies the eastern extremity of Long Island on the "North Branch." It was the earliest settlement on the Island (if you except the English settlement at Gardiner's Island), the date being 1640. In the year 1650 it contained but six families, and its growth was very slow for some years. The first church there was organized in 1717, but the church building was not completed until ten years later. It bore a sheet-iron "weather vane," representing a gamecock. The two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of Southold, L. I., was celebrated in 1890.

PETER SKIDMORE OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, L. I.

[5]**Peter Skidmore** [believed to have been a descendant of the first [1]Richard Skidmore] lived at Huntington, but at the time he made his will he calls himself "Peter Skidmore of Brookhaven, L. I." He

was baptized in 1734 at Huntington, according to Huntington church records. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Tucker and second to Mary Dayton. Peter Skidmore had a numerous family. His name appears in the census of 1776, and is on the list of the supporters of Congress. He died in the year 1800, and his will was proven at Riverhead (office of surrogate). He mentions in his will his wife, Mary Skidmore; eight sons; a grandson, Samuel Skidmore, and four daughters.

Children of Peter Skidmore:

1. [6]Timothy Skidmore, baptized 1761.
2. [6]William Skidmore.
3. [6]Michael Skidmore.
4. [6]Richard Skidmore. } Twins born in 1771 or 1777.
5. [6]Samuel Skidmore. }
6. [6]Hezekiah Skidmore.
7. [6]Peter Skidmore, Jr.
8. [6]John Skidmore.
9. [6]Elizabeth Skidmore.
10. [6]Mary Skidmore.
11. [6]Abigail Skidmore.
12. [6]Sarah Skidmore.

And probably other children.

RICHARD SKIDMORE OF BAITING HOLLOW, L. I.

[6]**Richard Skidmore** [son of [5]Peter Skidmore] lived at Baiting Hollow, Long Island, N. Y. This place, settled in 1719, is west of Southold and east of Brookhaven. He was one of a large family and was born August 4, 1771. He was in the war of 1812. He married Mary Corwin of Orange County, New York. She was born October 6, 1777. Their four children were:

1. [7]Joshua C. Skidmore.
2. [7]James Harvey Skidmore.
3. [7]Eliza Skidmore.
4. [7]Maria Skidmore.

[7]**Joshua C. Skidmore** [son of [6]Richard Skidmore] was born August 25, 1803. He married Elizabeth Post on December 1, 1831. She was born November 11, 1809. [7]Joshua C. Skidmore and wife resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Great Neck, L. I. They were Presbyterians. Their three children were:

1. [8]William James Skidmore [son of [7]Joshua C. and Elizabeth

Post Skidmore] was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 9, 1833. He married Louise Udall, who was born in New York City. William J. Skidmore and family resided at Great Neck, L. I. Their only child, [9]Louise Udall Skidmore, married Mr. Roswell Eldridge [son of Roswell Eldridge and Ann Eliza Angevine of Hempstead, L. I.]. Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Eldridge reside at Great Neck, L. I.

2. [8]Richard Henry Skidmore [son of [7]Joshua C. and Elizabeth Post Skidmore] was born November 22, 1835. He resided at Great Neck, but later, in New York. (Unmarried.)
3. [8]Abram Post Skidmore [son of [7]Joshua C. and Elizabeth Post Skidmore] was born April 9, 1838, died in ————, 1880, unmarried. Will proven at Jamaica on July 21, 1880. Vol. 28, p. 35. Resided at North Hempstead.

[7]**James Harvey Skidmore** [son of [6]Richard and Mary Corwin Skidmore] was born February 2, 1809, and died May 20, 1898. He married Phebe Ann Hawkins on February 28, 1836. She was born June 10, 1815, and died July 30, 1871. The six children of [7]James Harvey and Phebe Ann Hawkins Skidmore are:

1. [8]Isabel Graham Skidmore [daughter of [7]James Harvey and Phebe A. Hawkins Skidmore] was born April 17, 1837, died March 26, 1857. She married Josiah Franklin Corwin on August 4, 1856.
2. [8]Chauncey Hawkins Skidmore [son of [7]James Harvey and Phebe A. Hawkins Skidmore] was born April 8, 1839. He married Emma Hayes on March 1, 1862. She died April 22, 1902. Their daughter is:

   [9]Isabel Graham Skidmore [daughter of [8]Chauncey H. and Emma Hayes Skidmore] married DeWitt Baker on June 26, 1890. Her son, [10]Chauncey Sloate Baker, was born March 23, 1894.
3. [8]Richmond Tuthill Skidmore [son of [7]James Harvey and Phebe A. Hawkins Skidmore] was born February 10, 1841, and died January 29, 1905. He married Mary Amelia Davis. Their daughter, [9]Ethel Skidmore, was born October 13, 1876. She married Ambrose Denton Corwin, November 30, 1904.
4. [8]James Joshua Skidmore [son of [7]James Harvey and Phebe A. Hawkins Skidmore] was born December 12, 1842, and died September, 1908.

5. [8]Charrie Jagger Skidmore [daughter of [7]James Harvey and Phebe A. Hawkins Skidmore] was born October 10, 1845, and died May 2, 1904. She married Josiah Warren Young March 31, 1870.
6. [8]Mary Mehetabel Skidmore [daughter of [7]James Harvey and Phebe A. Hawkins Skidmore] was born May 9, 1848. She married Wesley Dixon Hawkins October 30, 1873. They reside at Mount Vernon, N. Y. Their two children are:
   (1) [9]Ruth Shirley Hawkins, born March 7, 1875.
   (2) [9]Wesley Urban Hawkins, born October 23, 1877.

[7]**Eliza Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Richard Skidmore].

[7]**Maria Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Richard Skidmore].

SAMUEL SKIDMORE OF BAITING HOLLOW, L. I., AND NEW YORK CITY, AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

[6]**Samuel Skidmore** [son of [5]Peter Skidmore of Huntington, L. I.] was born August 4, 1771 or 1777, died March 31, 1841. He was twin brother of [6]Richard Skidmore of Baiting Hollow, L. I. [6]Samuel Skidmore married Hannah Brown [daughter of Joseph and Mehetabel Vail Brown]. She was born in 1777 and died in 1838. The children of [6]Samuel Skidmore and Hannah Brown were:

1. [7]William Skidmore [son of [6]Samuel]. He married Martha Burtis. They resided at Manhasset, L. I. Their children were:
   (1) [8]Emeline Skidmore [daughter of [7]William], who married Daniel Allen Cornwell, and resided at Sands Point, L. I. Her children were:
      i. [9]Martha Cornwell, who married Robert Morrell and had a son [10]Allen.
      ii. [9]Walter Cornwell, who married Milly Powell and had a daughter [10]Lillian.
      iii. [9]William Cornwell, who married and had a son [10]Daniel.
   (2) [8]William A. Skidmore [son of [7]William] married Edeliza Seamen. They lived at Manhasset, L. I. He died in 1909 or 1910 without children.
   (3) [8]Ann A. Skidmore [daughter of [7]William] married Mr. Newton.
   (4) [8]George Skidmore [son of [7]William].

(5) [8]Henry C. Skidmore [son of [7]William].

2. [7]Jehiel Skidmore [son of [6]Samuel].

3. [7]Sylvester Skidmore [son of [6]Samuel Skidmore] was born March 20, 1806. He died March 4, 1887. Married Phebe Wood. They resided in Rahway, N. J. Their children are:

(1) [8]Elizabeth Skidmore of Rahway, N. J.

(2) [8]Phebe Eloise Skidmore.

(3) [8]Henry Clay Skidmore.

(4) [8]Maria Rebecca Skidmore.

(5) [8]Annie Wood Skidmore, who was the only child who married of this family.

4. [7]Luther Skidmore [son of [6]Samuel] was born February 16, 1808, died January 20, 1872, at Riverhead, L. I. He married Esther A. Whipple of New York City. She was born November 11, 1815, and died November 19, 1889. [7]Luther Skidmore removed to Riverhead, L. I., where he was a manufacturer and town official. Their nine children were:

(1) [8]Sarah Skidmore [daughter of [7]Luther], died in 1881; married Dr. George Howell; he died in 1879. Their children were:

i. Dr. [9]Levi L. Howell, died in 1902, married Carrie Hill and had three children: [10]Jerome, [10]Legrand W. and [10]Francis.

ii. [9]Anna W. Howell.

(2) [8]Eliza M. Skidmore [daughter of [7]Luther], died 1907, married J. Henry Perkins, who died in 1902. Their children were:

i. [9]John H. Perkins, who died in 1907, married Emma Duryea and had a daughter [10]Helen.

ii. [9]Mary G. Perkins, who married William M. Litchard and had three children: [10]Henry P., [10]Reba, [10]Christine.

(3) [8]George H. Skidmore [son of [7]Luther], born December 26, 1841, and died in 1904; married Mary E. Benjamin. Resided in Riverhead, L. I. Their children are:

i. [9]Maud W. Skidmore.

ii. [9]G. Harrison Skidmore.

iii. [9]Harriet Skidmore.

(4) [8]Theodore Skidmore [son of [7]Luther] married Charlotte Pettens. Their children were:

i. [9]Florence Skidmore, who married John Tabor.

ii. [9]Helen Skidmore, who married George Vail and had a daughter [10]Marion.

iii. [9]Luther Skidmore, who died in 1904. He married Hannah Terrell. Their children are: [10]Eunice, [10]Beatrice, [10]Jennie, [10]Walter, [10]Edith, [10]Hilda, and [10]Esther A.

(5) [8]Emma W. Skidmore [daughter of [7]Luther Skidmore] is a resident of Riverhead, L. I. She has assisted me in the record of her father's family.

(6) [8]Elijah W. Skidmore [son of [7]Luther], died in 1850.

(7) [8]Charles Skidmore [son of [7]Luther], married Caroline Autenrieth, who died in 1896. They had a daughter, [9]Edna D. Skidmore.

(8) [8]Frank L. Skidmore [son of [7]Luther], died 1905, married Theresa B. Corwin. Their children are:

i. [9]Maybelle Skidmore.

ii. [9]William B. Skidmore.

(9) [8]Grace Skidmore [daughter of [7]Luther].

5. [7]Sophronia Skidmore [daughter of [6]Samuel], died 1902, married James Harvey Pettit. They resided in Hempstead, L. I. Her children were:

(1) [8]Chauncey Pettit.

(2) [8]George C. Pettit.

(3) [8]Joseph D. Pettit.

(4) [8]Floyd Pettit.

(5) [8]William S. Pettit.

6. [7]Emeline Skidmore [daughter of [6]Samuel].

[6]**Hezekiah Skidmore** [son of [5]Peter] resided on a farm near Riverhead, L. I. He married Mary Edwards. Their children were:

1. [7]Clarissa Skidmore.
2. [7]Catherine Skidmore.
3. [7]Walter Skidmore.
4. [7]James S. Skidmore [son of [6]Hezekiah] was born December 12, 1812, died September 28, 1895, at Riverhead. Married first, Sarah M. Herrick in 1836. Married second, Lucy Sayer of Southampton in 1840. [7]James S. Skidmore was an "elder" in Presbyterian Church, Riverhead, L. I.

5. [7]Mary Skidmore.
6. [7]George Skidmore [son of [6]Hezekiah] was born April 12, 1819, died in 1880. Married Sarah J. Vale of New York City in 1840.
   The children of Hezekiah Skidmore lived at Franklinville, now Laurel, L. I.

[6]**Peter Skidmore, Jr.** [son of [5]Peter] calls himself of Brookhaven, L. I. His will, dated 1842, was proven at Riverhead. He mentions in his will his wife, Hannah Skidmore, and his five children and four grandchildren. The children of [6]Peter and Hannah Skidmore were:

1. [7]Abigail Skidmore.
2. [7]Caroline Skidmore.
3. [7]Albert Skidmore.
4. [7]Daniel H. Skidmore.
5. [7]Franklin Skidmore.

And grandchildren:

Eliza Eleanor.
Hannah.
Amelia.
Harvey.

[7]**Daniel H. Skidmore** [son of [6]Peter Skidmore of Suffolk County] was born in 1798, died in 1872. Married Sarah M. Van Brunt, born in 1800, died in 1864. Their children were:

1. [8]Nancy Skidmore.
2. [8]James R. Skidmore.
3. [8]Albert F. Skidmore.
4. [8]Daniel H. Skidmore, Jr.
5. [8]Peter M. Skidmore.
6. [8]Sarah M. Skidmore.
7. [8]Mary J. Skidmore.
8. [8]Caroline A. Skidmore.

[8]**Peter M. Skidmore** [son of [7]Daniel H. Skidmore of Suffolk County] was born October 17, 1832. Married Frances E. Hawkins [daughter of Jesse and Susan Hawkins of Moriches]. [8]Peter M. Skidmore was a deacon in the Baptist Church. They had four children:

1. [9]Henry H. Skidmore.
2. [9]Jesse Skidmore.
3. [9]Addie Skidmore.
4. [9]Charles A. Skidmore.

CHAPTER XVI.

JOHN SKIDMORE OF SOUTHOLD, L. I.

[7]**John Skidmore** [probably a son of [6]John Skidmore, son of [5]Peter] was born March 16, 1798, at Dix Hills, L. I. He died at Southold, L. I., on January 20, 1874, having resided at Southold most of his life. He was married four times, namely: first, to Huldah Thornton, March, 1816; second, to Hannah Jarvis, January 1, 1819; third, to Abby Brown, June, 1848; fourth to Jane C. Brown, February 11, 1858.

The children of [7]John Skidmore of Southold, L. I., and his wife, Hannah Jarvis, are:

1. [8]Jarvis Skidmore, born October 4, 1819.
2. [8]James O. Skidmore, born August 21, 1821.
3. [8]George S. Skidmore, born March 6, 1824.
4. [8]Eliza M. Skidmore, born March 25, 1826.
5. [8]Julianna Skidmore, born December 4, 1827.
6. [8]Stephen Skidmore, born March 31, 1830.
7. [8]Marietta Skidmore, born February 18, 1832.
8. [8]John T. Skidmore, born August 23, 1834.
9. [8]Caroline H. Skidmore, born May 20, 1837.
10. [8]Henry A. Skidmore, born June 10, 1839.
11. [8]Charles W. Skidmore, born February 13, 1841.

[8]**George S. Skidmore** [son of [7]John of Southold, L. I.] was born March 6, 1824, died November —, 1904. Resided at Good Ground, L. I. He married Catherine A. Brown. Their six children are:

1. [9]George Martin Skidmore, who married Sarah M. Ross on May 7, 1872, and whose children are:
   (1) [10]George A. Skidmore.
   (2) [10]Horace J. Skidmore.
   (3) [10]Jesse Skidmore.
2. [9]Jennie Skidmore, who married Joseph G. Field, September 19, 1871.

3. [9]Ardelia Jarvis Skidmore, who married first, William A. Smith on March 28, 1867. He died in November, 1882. She married second, Floyd A. Overton on December 24, 1884. The children of [9]Ardelia J. Skidmore by the first marriage are:
   (1) [10]Edith L. Smith.
   (2) [10]G. Burchard Smith.
   By the second marriage:
   [10]Grant M. Overton.
4. [9]Thomas B. Skidmore, born August 4, 1854, resides in Brooklyn, N. Y. He married D. Sophia Edwards on April 13, 1880. She was born at Sayville, L. I., on April 13, 1855. Their children are:
   (1) [10]Harold M. Skidmore, born February 12, 1881, died June 17, 1899.
   (2) [10]Ella Green Skidmore, born December 8, 1882.
   (3) [10]Katherine Edwards Skidmore, born January 30, 1885.
   (4) [10]Jane Caroline Skidmore, born June 22, 1893.
5. [9]Ency C. Skidmore married Seymour L. Squires on March 5, 1878. Their children are:
   (1) [10]Christiana L. Squires.
   (2) [10]Joseph G. Squires.
6. [9]Timothy A. Skidmore married Caroline S. Meschutt on March 12, 1890. Their children are:
   (1) [10]Archie Skidmore.
   (2) [10]Harold Skidmore.
   (3) [10]Jarvis Skidmore.
   (4) [10]Adele Skidmore.
   (5) [10]Anna Skidmore.

THE SKIDMORE FAMILY IN CONNECTICUT

JOHN SKIDMORE, SON OF JOHN OF JAMAICA, L. I., AND GRANDSON OF THOMAS, THE PIONEER

THE STATE FLOWER OF CONNECTICUT

It has become the custom of the different states of the Union to adopt a floral emblem.

Connecticut could certainly have chosen no more beautiful flower than the Mountain Laurel, with which her rocky hillsides and mountains are covered.

The blossoming season of the laurel is late May and early June, at which time these flowering trees reach a state of perfection.

The delicate pink blossoms in rich profusion, in their setting of evergreen leaves, are a sight to be remembered.

I have seen great masses of these tree-like shrubs from six to eight feet in height in full bloom on our mountain-sides, and on the steep banks above the Housatonic River.

The flowers, as they advance, become white in color, or nearly so, showing only a faint flush of pink.

The individual flower is about one inch across, the calyx being five-parted. The corolla is five-pointed with ten projections outside.

It is said that this flower was dedicated to Peter Kalm, a pupil of Linnæus, who admired it above any other flower he saw while traveling in this country. The plant is known as Kalmia latifolia in our United States botanies.

In 1907 the General Assembly of Connecticut adopted the laurel as the state emblem.

The beautiful reproduction of the Mountain Laurel which is used in this book was printed for me by Mrs. Clara A. Thompson of Hartford, Conn., whose photographs of our New England wild flowers are to me a never-failing delight.

Mountain Laurel
State Flower of Connecticut

CHAPTER XVII.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF STRATFORD, CONN.

Stratford, Conn., is one of the oldest and most historic towns in the state. Situated at the mouth of the Housatonic River and on Long Island Sound, it enjoyed from the very beginning rather unusual opportunities in the way of coast trading. The shore line is particularly attractive, especially in the "Lordship Park" vicinity (now called Shore Acres). This peninsular-like point extends into Long Island Sound a mile farther than any other headland on the shore; and it is said that nine lighthouses are visible from this point.

Even the salt marshes or meadows about Stratford are attractive at high tide, when the sea has come in upon them, reminding one of what Sidney Lanier wrote in his "Marshes of Glynn":

Lo, out of his plenty the sea pours fast;
Full soon the time of the flood-tide must be:
Look how the grace of the sea doth go
About and above through the channels that flow here and there everywhere.
Till his waters have flooded the uttermost creeks and the low-lying lanes,
And the marsh is meshed with a million veins
In the rose and silver evening glow.

Stratford was named in honor of Mr. William Beardsley, who came from Stratford-on-Avon, England.

The territory which the original founders purchased along the Sound included more than 70,000 acres; the western portion, now the city of Bridgeport, was destined to become a very valuable property.

The streets of Stratford town are wide and lined with fine old trees; the residences are colonial with here and there a modern house of much beauty.

Stratford, Conn., was settled in 1639, when pioneers from Wethersfield, Conn., with their pastor, Rev. Adam Blakeman, sailed down the Connecticut River and along the Sound and entered the Housatonic River and founded a settlement.

The first families who came bore the names of Birdseye, Curtis, Wilcoxen, Burritt, Hawley, Thompson, Wheeler, Wells, Hurd, Foot, Ufford, Fairchild, Nichols, Chauncey.

These settlers erected their meeting house and buried their dead about the church.

Stratford's historic burying ground, "The Old Congregational Cemetery," set off in 1670, is entered at the rear of the library grounds.

The "memorial gates" were erected by the Mary Silliman Chapter of the D. A. R., the architect being Mr. Rufus Bunnell. Within are interred the early settlers of the town, and their immediate descendants.

The "Old Episcopal Cemetery" is located near the Episcopal Church (on a street somewhat at the rear of the church). This ground was "set aside" for the purpose in the year 1723.

THE FIRST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT.

The first Episcopal church in Connecticut, organized at Stratford in 1707, celebrated its two hundredth anniversary in June, 1907. John Skidmore was one of the founders.

Christ Episcopal Church, Stratford, was the first Episcopal church organized in the state of Connecticut.

In April, 1707, a petition was addressed to the Bishop of London bearing the signature of nineteen men, among the number being John Scudamore, asking that a clergyman might be sent to take charge of the members of the "Church of England" residing in Stratford, Conn.

Rev. George Muirson, Rev. George Pigott and Rev. Samuel Johnson were its earliest missionary rectors. The first edifice was built in 1723; in 1744 a new edifice replaced the old and a bell was hung in the steeple bearing the inscription, "George III., King of England, A. D. 1743"; the third edifice was brought to Stratford from England; in 1857 the present Christ Church edifice was erected.

THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD.

Christ Church was closed during a considerable period of the Revolutionary War because of the bitter feeling which the war engendered among its communicants, many of whom were pronounced Loyalists, and consequently were opposed to the war with England.

Tradition says that one Sabbath morning after the rector had read the usual prayers for King George III., Captain Benjamin, a member of Christ Church, arose in his pew and addressing the rector, said: "No such prayers for the royal family must again be uttered in this church, as the King is the worst enemy this Colony has." Whereupon the minister shut the prayer book with a bang, dismissed the congregation, and the church was locked and remained closed until the end of the war.

THE FAMOUS WEATHERCOCK.

On the steeple of Christ Church is the famous chanticleer, or golden weathercock, which was placed on the first church building by Poulaski Benjamin in 1744. During the Revolutionary War it became a target for British soldiers encamped on the hill, and fearing that the chanticleer would be destroyed it was quietly removed at night and hidden in the barn by Captain George Benjamin, the son of the donor, where it remained until the war was over, when it was replaced on the steeple. Tradition says that Captain Benjamin called his little daughter and told her to place her hand on the bird, saying, "You may do so again, but I never shall."

The chanticleer was again removed from its perch in 1856-57 when the present church edifice was built, and the little daughter of Captain Benjamin, now an old woman, again placed her hand on the weathercock, it having been brought to her door in a wagon that she might do so. The chanticleer was at this time regilded, and a plate attached to its wings, giving the names of the original donor, his son and granddaughter, and the history connected therewith, and it was once again placed on the steeple of Christ Church, where it is today.

Rev. N. E. Cornwall, for the last nineteen years rector of this church, has caused the ancient records of the parish to be copied in neat and attractive form.

His unfailing courtesy and great interest in his historic church are hardly less attractive than the beautiful pictures that adorn the walls of the rectory, which he and his gifted wife have painted of natural scenes in and about the town, namely: "Stratford's Blooming Orchards in Springtime," "Her Autumn Woods," "Her Winter Whiteness," and scenes that depict her marshes, her surf-lined shore and distant waters.

It was in Christ Church rectory that I saw for the first time the flag of the "East Anglia Society" of England, which was presented to

the rector by Mr. George H. Langham of London, who designed it. Many of the early settlers of New England were from East Anglia, and this flag is the standard of this society. Rev. N. E. Cornwall is the only person in New England owning this flag.

STRATFORD'S FIRST TOWN RECORDER.

The first town recorder, or town clerk, was Mr. Joseph Hawley. He was born in Parwich, Derbyshire, England, in 1603, and came to Stratford early in its history. For sixteen years he served as Stratford's town clerk, 1650-66, and a portion of the time he was the town treasurer. He represented Stratford at the General Assembly of Connecticut for many years; he was also a member of the committee that framed the town "Patent."

The town officials appointed Mr. Hawley the keeper of the "town ordinary" or hotel. Rev. Adam Blakeman, the first minister at Stratford, named Mr. Joseph Hawley and two other citizens "overseers of his will." Mr. Joseph Hawley was the second largest landed proprietor in Stratford, Conn., owning over 4,000 acres out of the original township; much of the land has become very valuable, being now occupied by the business sections of Bridgeport, Conn. (Mr. Joseph Hawley was the writer's earliest ancestor in America.) At the north end of the "Old Congregational Cemetery," near the fence, are three very small gray stones bearing the following initials:

J. H. May 20, 1690.

J. H. June 25, 1691.

M. Hawley, 1693.

The first stone mentioned marks the grave of Joseph Hawley, the first town recorder of Stratford; the second stone is that of his son, Joseph; the third, his grandson, Matthew Hawley.

Stratford's artistic stone library was erected in 1894 by Mr. Birdseye Blakeman of New York, a descendant of the first minister in the town. The tablet on the wall bears the inscription, "In memory of six generations of ancestors, residents in Stratford, posterity of Rev. Adam Blakeman, 1598-1665, and of Dea. John Birdseye, 1616-1690; this ground was dedicated and this house was built by Birdseye Blakeman, 1824-1894."

The oldest house in Stratford Town is known as the "Walker House"; it is located just above the railroad station.

CHAPTER XVIII.

JOHN SKIDMORE OF STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT [GRANDSON OF THOMAS SKIDMORE, THE PIONEER], FOUNDER OF THE CONNECTICUT BRANCH, AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

[3]**John Skidmore** [grandson of [1]Thomas Skidmore, pioneer, and eldest son of [2]John Skidmore and wife Susannah, of Jamaica, L. I.] was born in 1663/64 at Stratford, Conn., or Jamaica, L. I.

He is first mentioned in the will of his father, dated Jamaica, L. I., which was "proved at the Court of Sessions held in Jamaica," July 9, and confirmed December 13, 1680, in which [2]John Skidmore "gives his eldest son, [3]John, full power to recover £50 given by my father, [1]Thomas Skidmore of Fairfield, in New England."

[1]Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer, in his will dated at Fairfield, Conn., April 20, 1684, mentions his "grandson John Skidmore."

March 9, 1685/86, [3]John Skidmore, son of [2]John Skidmore, deceased, now living at a place called Fresh Ponds in Huntington, L. I., being of age (born 1663/64) disposed of his share of his father's estate in Jamaica to Daniel Whitehead, and removed to the parish of Stratford, Conn., and was living at Long Hill (now in Trumbull), Fairfield County, in 1693.

December 13, 1695, he had a deed of land in Stratford Parish from Isaac Bennett; also on September 24, 1694.

[3]John Skidmore of Stratford, Conn., was one of the founders of the Episcopal Church at Stratford, as will be shown by my notes taken from the records of Christ Church; also a vestryman in said church. He and his wife, Mary Skidmore, were probably buried in the old churchyard, although stones cannot be found marking their resting place; but this is not an unusual circumstance as the stones marking the graves of a great number of the early settlers have in the lapse

of time fallen away and been covered by the earth. Perhaps some descendant of [3]John Skidmore of Stratford may be moved to place a tablet to his memory in Christ Church, or give some other suitable memorial to perpetuate his name therein, although it will always remain on the records of that church. He died thirty-six years before the War of the Revolution opened; and he worshiped in the original, or first, church edifice erected by the Church-of-England adherents in Connecticut.

Christ Church records show that John Scudamore was one of the nineteen men who in 1707 petitioned the Bishop of London for a rector over the Church-of-England men at Stratford, Conn.

The ancestor of the New England Skidmores was one of the founders of this church, and his descendants may well feel an interest in the historic organization.

The descendants of [3]John Skidmore of Stratford were mostly Episcopalians or Church-of-England men; and to a considerable extent Loyalists as it would appear. I do not find the name of a single descendant of [3]John Skidmore of Stratford in the Connecticut records of "Men in the Revolution," although they served in other wars.

In New England and New York the government officials were to a large extent Loyalists, that is, favored the Crown.

Episcopalians were usually Loyalists, while the Independents, or Presbyterians, were Whigs.

The seacoast towns, both in Connecticut and Long Island, having dealings with the mother country, were opposed to the contest for independence.

In Connecticut the pronounced Tory towns were Fairfield, Norwalk, Stamford, Greenwich.

The records of Christ Church begin in 1722, and I find the name of [3]John Scudamore entered among the communicants June 3, 1722, and the name of Mary Scudamore entered April 14, 1723.

Among the vestrymen of Christ Church, I find the name of [3]John Scudamore in 1725.

In 1739 Jemima Scudimore was a member of Christ Church but nothing is said of her parentage.

The record of burials gives the following:

[4]John Scudamore, Jr., March 10, 1724/25.

[3]John Scudamore, January 22, 1740/41. Aged 78 years.

Mary Scudamore, November 28, 1748. Aged 83 years.

The children of [3]John and Mary Skidmore of Stratford, Conn., were:

1. [4]John Skidmore, died 1724/25, March 10, at Stratford, Conn.
2. [4]Mary Skidmore, who married Thomas Lattin, April 19, 1722 (see Stratford Records). She lived at Huntington, Conn., and died June 18, 1773. Her husband was the son of Thomas Lattin, Senior, and Mercy Wakelyn of Oyster Bay, L. I., and also of Fairfield and Stratford, Conn. Mary Skidmore and Thomas Lattin had a son:
   Thomas Lattin, born in 1727.
3. Lieut. [4]Thomas Skidmore, born in 1693, died July 21, 1761.

CHAPTER XIX.

LIEUT. THOMAS SKIDMORE OF NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT, AND HIS DESCENDANTS [SON OF JOHN SKIDMORE, OF STRATFORD, CONN.].

Lieut. [4]Thomas Skidmore [son of [3]John and Mary Skidmore of Stratford Parish, Conn.] was born at Long Hill, then in the parish of Stratford, now Trumbull, Fairfield County, Conn., in the year 1693.

He journeyed to the newly settled parish of Newtown and purchased land in the northern section of the township as early as 1715, although he may not have come to Land's End to live until a little later.

LIEUT. THOMAS SKIDMORE'S HOME.

The new home which Thomas Skidmore made for himself in the northern part of Newtown township was therefore in the "wilderness," and we may not wonder that they called the spot Land's End, the country being largely an unbroken forest, crossed here and there by the "Indian footpaths."

Thomas Skidmore purchased land on both sides of Pond Brook from men who had made the earliest purchases from the Court of the Connecticut Colony. A record of the early purchases of Lieut. Thomas Skidmore, or Scidmore, as the deeds read, is as follows:

November 18, 1715, Thomas Scidmore and Richard Peet, both of Stratford, bought of Richard Nicholls, administrator on the estate of Thomas Sharp (late of Newtown), "said Sharp's accommodations in lands in the bounds of the township of said Newtown."

On September 27, 1716, William Peet of Stratford sold to Thomas Scidmore of Stratford his interest in these lands. In 1719 Thomas Scidmore's share in Sharp's land is laid out at Land's End by the town committee.

In January, 1717, Thomas Skidmore purchased a house, barn, and house lot of John Porter, and on February, 1719, purchased additional land of Enos Prindle.

And thus Lieutenant Skidmore was a pioneer settler in the northern part of Newtown township, and our ancestor in "these parts."

Lieutenant Skidmore was prominent in town affairs at Newtown, and he and his wife were no doubt supporters of the movement to maintain Episcopacy in that place.

At a meeting of the "Proprietors of Newtown" held in 1757, Lieut. Thomas Skidmore, Captain John Glover and Mr. Abel Gray were appointed a committee to represent the Newtown proprietors in the matter of investigating the condition of lands along the Great River (Housatonic) not yet purchased of the Indians, and if they thought best to make purchase of said lands.

Thomas Skidmore was ensign of the military "train-band" of Newtown in 1723.

We must observe that the first settlers were not slow to form military companies for local defense, and these men stood ready also to defend the colony against home or foreign foes.

Thomas Skidmore was appointed lieutenant by the General Court and his commission ordered to be made out in May, 1734.

Lieut. Thomas Skidmore married Martha in 1717 or before. She died December 23, 1774, aged 80 years.

He died July 21, 1761, being 68 years of age. Both are buried in the cemetery at Land's End.

A few years before his death, he divided a portion of his property, namely: he deeded land to son John Skidmore in 1753; to son Nehemiah Skidmore in 1752; to son Lieut. Thomas Skidmore, Jr., in 1755. He also made gifts to his daughters.

HIS WILL (ABSTRACT).

The will of Lieut. Thomas Skidmore, dated at Newtown, Conn., February 24, 1761, was recorded at Danbury, Conn., September 1, 1761. (Newtown became a part of the Probate Court of Danbury in 1744, and remained so until 1820.) And from the will I take the following:

"In the name of God, Amen! I, Thomas Skidmore of Newtown, County of Fairfield in ye Colony of Connecticut, in New England.

. . . . I give to my well beloved wife Martha Skidmore one half of my new dwelling house, namely the north rooms, and all my household goods and all my stock, and also one third of all my lands, and all the provision in my house, and half my barn.

"I give to my eldest son, Nehemiah Skidmore, and to my son John Skidmore all my land that I have at a place called 'The Neck,' except two acres given to Thomas.

"I give to my son Thomas Skidmore all the rest of my lands in said Newtown containing both my home lots and half of my house and barn—and the other half of said house and barn at his mother's death. I give to my daughter Jedidah, wife of Ensign Richard Hubbell, seven pounds twelve shillings. I give to my daughter Comfort, wife of Lieut. Amos Terrill, seven pounds twelve shillings.

"I give to my other three daughters, Martha, Mary and Rebecca, to each of them one pound and twelve shillings, besides that they have already received from me."

[Signed] Thomas Skidmore,
Newtown, Conn.

Children of Lieut. Thomas Skidmore and wife Martha:

1. [5]Nehemiah Skidmore, born February 28, 1718.
2. [5]Jedidah Skidmore, born December 16, 1721.
3. [5]John Skidmore, born January 16, 1726, died 1790.
4. [5]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., born 1731, died 1778.
5. [5]Mary Skidmore, married Heth Peck (son of Heth).
6. [5]Comfort Skidmore, married Lieut. Amos Terrill of Newtown.
7. [5]Martha Skidmore, living in 1761.
8. [5]Rebecca Skidmore, living in 1761.

CHAPTER XX.

SKETCH OF NEWTOWN, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONN.

Newtown, Conn., within whose boundaries Lieut. Thomas Skidmore lived, was territory purchased of the Pootatuck Indians on the west side of the Great River (Housatonic) in the year 1705. The Land Records at Newtown, Vol. I., show that William Junos and Samuel Hawley, Jr., of Stratford, Conn., and Justus Bush of New York made the purchase of this territory, which was about eight miles long and six miles wide. As the General Court of Connecticut reserved to itself the right to purchase all lands of the Indians, the three men who made the purchase were believed to have exceeded their rights; they were therefore required to transfer their individual purchases to the Court, which they did. The Indians received from the three men who made the original purchase the following compensation, namely, as per record: "Four guns, four broadcloth coats, four blankets, four ruffelly coats, four collars, ten shirts, ten pairs of stockings, forty pounds of lead, ten pounds of powder, forty knives."

To us of today, the compensation received by the Indians for their land seems most inadequate. But we must remember the conditions then existing; land had no defined valuation; the country was an unexplored wilderness, and money was a most precious possession; a trade was barter, or the giving of something which they produced in exchange for something which they needed, but did not produce.

The wealth of the early settler was represented by his lands, not by his money. We are impressed by this fact in reading the ancient wills. A man had land and household goods to distribute among his heirs, but very little money.

The territory purchased of the Indians, in 1705, became an organized township in 1711, although the land does not seem to

have been measured and assigned to the proprietors until the following year. The original patentees were thirty-six in number.

EARLY CHURCH.

The first church organization at Newtown was the Congregational, and Rev. Thomas Toucey, a Yale graduate, the first minister. He came to Newtown in 1709 and remained as pastor until 1724. He went to England, and I am confident that he was a strong Loyalist, for he returned with a captain's commission from the British Crown, and did not preach in Newtown afterwards, although he continued to reside there. He died in 1761. He had eleven children. His daughter, Arminel, married Donald Grant, who came to Newtown from the County of Inverness, Scotland, in 1732, bringing credentials from the magistrates and from his mother as to his high character.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTOWN, CONN.

The first Episcopal Church building was erected in 1732 at the south end of Newtown Street, "on the plain," and the first rector was Rev. John Beach.

Later, the society built a new edifice on the main street. The writer attended the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of this church September 21, 1907. At this time, a tablet was placed on a boulder which marked the spot at the south end of Newtown Street, where the first Episcopal services were held. The village cemetery was located a little south of the town.

The old "Bridgeport and Newtown Turnpike" passed through the village, which in the days of the stage coach was the direct route to the shore; these roads were formerly maintained by the county, and at frequent distances along the turnpike road were the old taverns, at which man and beast were refreshed. The loud blast of the stage-driver's horn was sufficient to bring the inmates of these hostelries to the door to receive their mail and weekly paper. Thus an opportunity was afforded for inspecting the passengers who were traveling by stage, and for speculating as to where they might be going, and the possible errand that called them from home.

In early days the well-to-do citizens of Newtown, even the ministers, owned slaves, or, at least, one or more household servants, who were their personal property; but this condition was common in New England.

MILITARY MATTERS—TRAINING DAY—REVOLUTIONARY DAYS.

From 1638 until the Revolutionary War in 1776, the Connecticut Colony's only military organization was the "train-band."

It corresponded, perhaps, in its functions to the present day National Guard.

Most of the towns had these military organizations, and they were fostered by the civil authorities. Annually on "general training day" these companies met for public drill, and it was the occasion for much display of patriotic sentiment, and military manœuvering.

The first train-band in Connecticut was commanded by Captain John Mason and comprised forty men enrolled for service in the Pequot War.

The train-bands of Connecticut furnished a great company of men for military service during the French and Indian Wars.

Exemptions from military service in these train-bands were granted on the certificates of medical practitioners, and must then be accepted by both houses of the General Court.

Newtown had an active train-band, but as I have previously stated, not one of the Connecticut Skidmores served in the Revolutionary War, but in the War of 1812, James B. Skidmore, Samuel B. Skidmore and Philo Skidmore, being members of the Connecticut Militia, served for a time in the second war with England.

During the Revolutionary War both Count de Rochambeau and General Lafayette encamped at Newtown on their march to join General Washington.

Mr. E. L. Johnson of Newtown, in his historical address delivered in 1905, says that "In 1781 Count de Rochambeau encamped on the plains (near the Philo Clarke residence) from June 28 to July 1. His army numbered 600 artillery, 600 cavalry and 3,600 infantry. The army marched in regiments at a distance of fifteen miles apart until reaching Newtown. Rochambeau's army had come from Providence, R. I., and was proceeding to the Hudson River to join General Washington's army in Westchester county."

The army left Newtown in two divisions and reached Bedford, N. Y., July 2.

Mrs. Marietta Robertson Holmes of Bedford writes me that a part of the French army upon reaching Bedford, N. Y., encamped upon the farm of Jabez Robertson, her grandfather. This farm of 100 acres was well watered, very level, and lay between two roads.

After the death of Henry Robertson, father of Mrs. Holmes, the property was purchased by Mrs. Frank Potter, who in 1909 sold the farm to a New York broker for a large consideration.

Mr. Levan Johnson says that the second passage of French troops through Newtown under General Lafayette occurred when he marched from Peekskill to Boston. They encamped for one night at Newtown, Conn., on the plain west of the present railroad station.

The passage of the army through Newtown and their encampment there is confirmed by the official records of the army.

Newtown was a strong Tory community during the period of the Revolution.

Newtown had a Masonic Lodge, organized in 1791, known as Hiram Lodge No. 18. The records show that the founders of this lodge were enthusiastic supporters of the principles of Masonry and frequently assembled to listen to addresses, and were helpful to each other. Rufus Skidmore, presumably Dr. Rufus Skidmore, was a member of the Lodge in 1827.

NEWTOWN TODAY.

Newtown is today one of the beautiful New England towns; the broad village street, characteristic of the better class of Connecticut towns, is well shaded; attractive residences are located on either side; a good stone library has been given in memory of Rev. John Beach; Trinity Church is housed in a substantial stone edifice; the Congregational church building represents the old type of Connecticut "meeting house," with the weathercock on the steeple; the Newtown Inn is a comparatively new hotel of generous proportions; the High School is near the railroad station; the village newspaper is the Newtown Bee.

Newtown Street runs from north to south along a beautiful ridge; in the valley some distance to the east but within the township is a busy little settlement known as Sandy Hook. To the west of Newtown Street is a noble hillside which parallels the main street. On it are located the "old stone castle," built by Mr. P. L. Ronalds, and other residences.

The water supply for the village is drawn from Taunton Lake, a fine sheet of water in the western part.

The Newtown Savings Bank in 1910 built a fine bank building on the west side of the street.

Newtown has furnished the state with several well-known public men, namely: Governors Isaac Toucey, Henry Dutton and Luzon B. Morris; United States Treasurer Daniel N. Morgan; Bishop Frederick F. Johnson; Judge Asa Chapman was the head of the Chapman law school and judge of the Supreme Court of Connecticut.

LAND'S END DISTRICT.

This settlement is in the northwest section of Newtown township.

Benjamin Hawley [grandson of Joseph Hawley "the first," of Stratford, Conn.] came a day's journey from his home near Stratford, following the Stratford River, called also the Housatonic, to the spot which he named "Land's End." Tradition says that his wife, who was behind him on the pillion of the saddle, refused to go further, saying, "We must have come to the end of the land." Benjamin Hawley was born in 1695 and was buried at Land's End Cemetery in 1767. Benjamin Hawley's brother, Samuel, was one of the first purchasers of the land at Newtown; his brother Ephraim settled at what is now Bridgewater, and his brother Stephen became a large landowner at New Milford.

Benjamin Hawley was the ancestor of the numerous Hawley families that one hundred years later became so prominent as to give to the settlement the name of Hawleyville, Conn. The John Hawley family, now of Whisconier Hill, and the Sidney E. Hawley family of Brookfield Center are of this branch.

The descendants of Lieut. Thomas Skidmore also became quite numerous at Land's End; for years they numbered many households in the vicinity of the cemetery and on the hillsides around about.

Pond Brook is the name of the stream which afforded water power for the first gristmill and sawmill, and later on, for one or more factories; it was a large stream which, starting from Taunton Lake, west of Newtown, flowed north and east until it emptied itself into the Housatonic below Southville.

Land's End was a wilderness, crossed only by the Indian paths, when the early settlers first came to it. The large open square where the present schoolhouse stands shows that these settlers built about this spot as a center. Benjamin Hawley's house was just southeast of the cemetery; and Lieut. Thomas Skidmore's home I believe was near by. He also owned land along Pond Brook to the east at a spot

called the "Neck," where his eldest son, Nehemiah Skidmore, later lived.

The families were prosperous, and many of them left an honorable record and enterprising descendants to perpetuate their names in other places. This locality does not today represent the thrift of the early settlers who flourished there.

A public road was laid out about 1718 from Newtown settlement to Land's End, crossing Pond Brook by a horse bridge, and it continued to the New Milford boundary on the north. This road was probably used by travelers on horseback only, as wagons did not come into general use until after the Revolutionary War. This road is even now hilly and more or less winding.

The pioneer settlers were not unmindful of their children's interests, and they built in 1745 a schoolhouse at Land's End, known as the Land's End District School. I also find a record stating that in 1779 it was voted "That ye inhabitants of ye town living on ye main road leading from Newtown to Newbury, from Land's End brook to Newbury's south line extending so far west as to include ye widow Abigail Turner, shall be a district for a school known by ye name of Land's End school." I therefore conclude that the earlier school was not located where the present schoolhouse is.

The **Land's End cemetery** was sequestered in 1748. It is situated north of Benjamin Hawley's dwelling house and contains sixty rods of land, near Caleb Baldwin's land. It is said that Jeremiah Turner, the first white child born in Newtown, was buried there. Mr. Benjamin Hawley was interred there in 1767, the brownstone marker being still legible.

Peter Camp [son of John Camp] was interred earlier—April 30, 1754.

As this cemetery is near the boundary line of Brookfield, many residents of that town used this cemetery as their burying place. Rev. Thomas Brooks, the first pastor at Brookfield, was interred there in 1799, and it is the place of interment of a very large number of families bearing the Skidmore name.

CHAPTER XXI.

NEHEMIAH SKIDMORE OF NEWTOWN, CONN., SON OF LIEUT. THOMAS SKIDMORE, AND HIS CHILDREN.

[5]**Nehemiah Skidmore** [eldest son of Lieut. [4]Thomas Skidmore and wife Martha] was born at Newtown, Conn., February 28, 1718. He inherited land from his father. When he was thirty years of age he purchased additional land in the "Neck," that is, in the upper part of Land's End, of Abraham Bennett of Newtown, for £57, 9 s. All parties to the transaction described themselves in the deed of conveyance as residing in "Newtown in Fairfield County, Colony of Connecticut, in New England." This deed is recorded in the Land Records at Newtown, Vol. 5, page 473, in the year 1748.

In 1751 Nehemiah Skidmore was deeded more land at the "Neck" on Pond Brook by John Botsford of Newtown, the description being similar to the former conveyance, for the sum of £40.

In 1770 Nehemiah Skidmore gave to "his beloved son [6]Elnathan Skidmore," a house and a half-acre of land; this "deed of gift" is recorded in Newtown Land Records, Vol. 10, page 233.

Nehemiah Skidmore married Charity Lake [daughter of John and Abigail Kimberley Lake]; her parents were prominent early settlers from Stratford, Conn. Charity was born February 8, 1721, and died aged 78 in 1799. Nehemiah Skidmore died April 18, 1781, being 63 years of age. They are buried at Land's End Cemetery, Hawleyville, Conn.

The estate of Nehemiah Skidmore inventoried at a little more than £896 (about $4,500). Amos Terrill and John Skidmore were the appraisers.

The children of [5]Nehemiah Skidmore and Charity Kimberley Lake were:

1. [6]Elnathan Skidmore, "eldest son," married Eunice Wakeley.
2. [6]Sarah Skidmore, "eldest daughter," married Samuel Peck of Newtown.

3. [6]Joanna Skidmore (concerning this daughter I have learned but little).
4. [6]Lemuel Skidmore, born 1756, married Annie Burtis and located in New York City.
5. [6]Amos Skidmore, born in 1762; married Esther Hitchcock Blackman.

ELNATHAN SKIDMORE OF NEWTOWN, CONN.

[6]**Elnathan Skidmore,** "eldest son" [of [5]Nehemiah and Charity Lake Skidmore], was born in the "Neck." Elnathan received from his father, Nehemiah, a house and land in 1770, and in 1799 he received land from his mother, Charity Lake Skidmore. He married Eunice Wakeley. Eight children were born to this couple.

Elnathan Skidmore died October 31, 1801. His wife Eunice died May 5, 1819.

I copy the following from the will of Elnathan Skidmore, probated at Danbury, Conn.: He gave to wife, Eunice, a portion of his estate; to his sons, Zardis, David, Isaac, Nehemiah and Sherman, he gave land valued at $100 each. To son David, he gave $300 for services rendered his father. To daughter Lois, he gave an amount equal to $230; to daughters Polly and Eunice, $230 each. The remainder of his estate he directs shall be divided among his five sons. He appoints Zardis and David his executors, August 4, 1801.

The children of [6]Elnathan Skidmore and Eunice Wakeley were:

1. [7]Zardis Skidmore, who married Lucy Jackson, born in 1773, a granddaughter of Deacon Peck of Brookfield, Conn. His second wife was Polly, who died March 6, 1811. In 1815 Zardis Skidmore purchased for the sum of $2,335 of his sister, Eunice, and his brothers, Isaac and Sherman, their interest in the estate of his father, Elnathan Skidmore. This property consisted of first, eighteen acres with the homestead of Elnathan lying in Newtown township, and three other pieces in Brookfield, viz.: one piece bounded on the south by Andrew Sherman's, west on land of Polly and Eunice Skidmore, north by land set off to the brother Nehemiah Skidmore, east by the highway. The remaining two pieces were on "Baldwin's Hill," the first consisting of eighteen acres bounded south by Amos Skidmore's land, and on all other sides by highways. The second piece of

thirty-two acres was bounded on the west by a highway, north of Abel Booth's land and David Skidmore's. At the time Zardis Skidmore made this purchase he was living at Patterson, Putnam County, N. Y., and it is to be inferred that he soon removed to his newly acquired property at the "Neck" and Obtuse district. His name is frequently mentioned in town affairs thereafter.

2. [7]David Skidmore [son of [6]Elnathan and Eunice Skidmore] was in 1815 living at Obtuse or Land's End. His name is frequently mentioned in records of the town.
3. [7]Nehemiah Skidmore [son of [6]Elnathan and Eunice Skidmore] was in 1832 living at Newtown in "Head of the Meadow" district.
4. [7]Isaac Skidmore [son of [6]Elnathan and Eunice Skidmore] was in 1815 living at the Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y.
5. [7]Sherman Skidmore [son of [6]Elnathan and Eunice Skidmore] lived at the Butternuts, N. Y., in 1815.
6. [7]Lois Skidmore [daughter of [6]Elnathan and Eunice Skidmore] married Daniel Blackman.
7. [7]Polly Skidmore [daughter of [6]Elnathan and Eunice Skidmore] owned land at the "Neck."
8. [7]Eunice Skidmore [daughter of [6]Elnathan and Eunice Skidmore] lived at the Butternuts, N. Y., in 1815.

SARAH SKIDMORE [MRS. SAMUEL PECK OF NEWTOWN, CONN.]

[6]**Sarah Skidmore** [eldest daughter of [5]Nehemiah Skidmore and Charity Kimberley Lake, and sister of [6]Elnathan, [6]Amos and [6]Lemuel] was born in Newtown, Conn. She married Samuel Peck [son of Heth Peck, 3d], an early settler at Newtown, born August 20, 1744, died May 12, 1832. They resided at Newtown, Conn.

The children of [6]Sarah Skidmore and Samuel Peck were:

1. [7]Isaac Peck.
2. [7]Annis Peck.
3. [7]Clarissa Peck.
4. [7]David Peck.
5. [7]Joanna Peck.
1. [7]**Isaac Peck** [son of [6]Sarah Skidmore and Samuel Peck], born July 7, 1776; lived at Newtown, Conn., married Aurelia Botsford and had four children, viz.:

(1) [8]Jabez B. Peck, born 1804, died 1877. He married Henrietta Jarvis, born 1811, died 1877. Their children were:

i. [9]Charles H. Peck, married Mary E. Oliver.

ii. [9]Elizabeth J. Peck, married Samuel J. Pinkney.

iii. [9]Captain A. W. Peck, married Louisa Booth.

iv. [9]Nelson J. Peck, died in Civil War, 1862.

(2) [8]Harriet Peck, born 1807, married Charles C. Beers, born 1808, died 1843 [son of Maj. Abel Beers]. They had two children:

i. [9]Sarah Esther.

ii. [9]Beach.

(3) [8]Robert S. Peck, born 1814, died 1858. Married first, Abigail Booth, died 1841; married second, Mary A. Lake, died 1850; married third, Elizabeth Curtis. He had one daughter by second marriage, Charlotte F., who married Eli C. Barnum of Newtown, now of New York City. Their children are:

i. Edith Barnum.

ii. Robert Barnum.

(4) [8]Sarah E. Peck, born 1827, married George Beers, born 1825. Their children are:

i. [8]Annie Beers, married Henry G. Curtis (son of Samuel). Their children are: [10]Harry B. Curtis and [10]William R. Curtis, who married Bertha George [daughter of Rev. J. H. George].

ii. [9]George Beers, married Grace E. Blakeman [daughter of Glover]. Their four children are [10]Lillian, [10]Herbert, [10]Jessie, [10]Sarah.

iii. [9]Robert Beers, married Sarah E. Sanford [daughter of Henry]. Their children are [10]Sanford and [10]Robert.

2. [7]**Annis Peck** [daughter of [6]Sarah Skidmore and Samuel Peck] married Richard Botsford.

3. [7]**Clarissa Peck** [daughter of [6]Sarah Skidmore and Samuel Peck], born about 1772, in Newtown, Conn., died October 2, 1832, aged 60 years. She married Benjamin Curtis Glover of Newtown; he died 1841, aged 70 years. Their five children were:

(1) [8]Samuel Glover, born 1796, died 1824.

(2) [8]Marcia Glover, married Hezekiah Curtis.
(3) [8]John B. Glover, born 1803.
(4) [8]Walter Glover, born 1800, died 1847.
(5) [8]Benjamin N. Glover, born 1812, died 1860; married Harriet Lake [daughter of Ziba Lake]. Their children were:
i. [9]Birdsey Glover, born 1846.
ii. [9]Walter Glover, born 1848.
iii. [9]Lemuel Glover, born 1852.

4. [7]**David C. Peck** [son of [6]Sarah Skidmore and Samuel Peck], born 1783, died 1862. Resided at Newtown, Conn. Married first, Rebecca Beers; married second, Harriet Booth. His son by the first marriage was:
(1) [8]Simeon Beers Peck, born 1810, died June 7, 1885. Resided at Newtown, Conn. Married first, Caroline Curtis; married second, Elizabeth Peck. Children of [8]Simeon B. Peck by first marriage were:
i. [9]Abner B. Peck, born 1832, died 1879; married first, Rebecca Smith; second, Sarah Dingley. His children were [10]Caroline, [10]Rebecca, [10]Clara, [10]William and [10]Charlotte.
ii. [9]Henry J. Peck, deceased in early manhood.
iii. [9]David C. Peck, deceased in infancy.
iv. [9]David C. Peck, 2d, resided on Mount Pleasant, Newtown, Conn. He represented his native town in the Legislature in 1875. He is president of the Newtown Savings bank. He married Helen Booth. Their children were: [10]Cora E., who died in 1891; [10]Ada B., who died in 1897.
v. [9]Charles G. Peck [son of [8]Simeon B. and second wife].

5. [7]**Joanna Peck** [daughter of [6]Sarah Skidmore and Samuel Peck] was born April 8, 1788, and died November 7, 1860. She married Captain Gould Curtis, Jr. He was born 1787 and died 1858; resided in Newtown, Conn., and was a prominent citizen and captain of the militia. Their five children were:
(1) [8]Mary Curtis, born in 1817, married Cyrenius Beers.
(2) [8]Samuel Curtis, born 1818.

(3) [8]Elizabeth Curtis, born 1824; married first, Robert S. Peck; second, Simeon B. Peck.

(4) [8]Sarah Curtis, born 1827, died in infancy.

(5) [8]Sarah Curtis, 2d, born 1834, married Dr. Monroe Judson of Newtown, Conn.

[8]Samuel Curtis [son of Captain Gould Curtis] was born April 29, 1818, died February 11, 1899. Samuel Curtis was a manufacturer, being engaged in the comb and button business; first at Sandy Hook, Newtown, Conn. He later removed his business to Berkshire, Newtown, where he established a large manufacturing plant and built up a neat and attractive village about it.

Samuel Curtis was married three times: first, to Mary Nichols, who died 1871; second, to Betsey Curtis, who died 1889; third to Mary Curtis. The two children of [8]Samuel Curtis are:

i. [9]Henry G. Curtis, born in 1848. He was associated with his father in the manufacturing business founded by them at Berkshire and has been a prominent citizen at Newtown, Conn. He married Annie Beers, and has two sons: [10]Harry B. Curtis, [10]William R. Curtis.

ii. [9]Julia Curtis [daughter of [8]Samuel] married H. S. Hawley (deceased). Their children are: [10]Curtis Hawley, [10]Mary Hawley, who married Hobert Warner.

CHAPTER XXII.

LEMUEL SKIDMORE [SON OF NEHEMIAH SKIDMORE] OF NEW YORK CITY, AND HIS FAMILY.

[6]**Lemuel Skidmore** [son of [5]Nehemiah and Charity Lake Skidmore] was born in Newtown township, "Lake George District," in 1756. This location is in the northeast section of the township. He was the fourth child of [5]Nehemiah Skidmore, his grandfather being Lieut. [4]Thomas Skidmore, an early settler at Newtown, Conn. [6]Lemuel Skidmore's brothers were [6]Elnathan, "eldest brother," and [6]Amos. His sisters were [6]Sarah and [6]Joanna.

In 1782 [6]Lemuel Skidmore married Annie Burtis of Oyster Bay, L. I.

In 1785, when he was twenty-nine years of age, he sold to his brother, Amos Skidmore, two pieces of land at the "Neck" in Lake George District. This is probably the time when Lemuel Skidmore removed from his home in Connecticut and settled in New York City.

He became a merchant, being engaged in the wholesale grocery business in New York at 173 Greenwich Street in 1804, and was successful in his business undertakings.

He retained, however, his interest in the place of his birth and frequently visited it.

In later years, in company with his sons, he yearly visited the families of his nephews, [7]Wheeler and [7]Rufus Skidmore of Brookfield (Obtuse), and his sister [6]Sarah's children at Newtown Center (Mrs. Samuel Peck).

In the summer of 1840 he was anticipating his yearly visit to Connecticut, because a portion of the journey would be taken by railroad. Previous to this time he had journeyed by boat from New York to Bridgeport and by stage coach from Bridgeport to Newtown and Obtuse, but in 1840 the Housatonic railroad had been completed from Bridgeport to New Milford, Conn., and he was anticipating the novel

experience of making the latter half of his journey over this new road (one of the first constructed in the country).

[6]Lemuel Skidmore was a communicant of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church in Hudson Street, near Grove Street, New York City.

He had a family vault beside the church, and in 1844, when he died, he was interred in this vault as were other members of his family. Later, his daughter, Mrs. [7]Frances Skidmore Norsworthy, and his son, [7]Burtis Skidmore, both built handsome tombs in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., and [6]Lemuel Skidmore's remains were removed from St. Luke's churchyard to the new tomb in Greenwood Cemetery by his son, [7]Burtis Skidmore.

The children of [6]Lemuel and Annie Burtis Skidmore were:

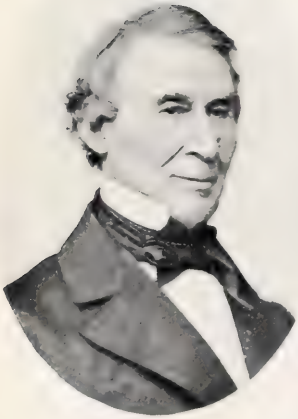
1. [7]Martha Skidmore.
2. [7]Frances Skidmore.
3. [7]William B. Skidmore.
4. [7]Lemuel Skidmore.
5. [7]Robert C. Skidmore.
6. [7]Burtis Skidmore.

[7]**Martha Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Lemuel and Annie Burtis Skidmore] married John Forbes. Their children were:

1. [8]Philip Forbes.
2. [8]Christine Forbes Jacot.
3. [8]Kate Forbes Stremmel.

[7]**Frances Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Lemuel and Annie Skidmore] married Samuel Norsworthy, by whom she had two sons, who died young, and four daughters, viz.:

1. [8]Mary Norsworthy, who married Burrit Shepard. Their children were:
   i. [9]Frank Shepard.
   ii. [9]Burrit Shepard.
   iii. [9]Mary Shepard.
2. [8]Frances Norsworthy, who died unmarried.
3. [8]Anne Norsworthy, who married Teunis Berg for her first husband. Their children are:
   i. [9]Sarah Taylor.
   ii. [9]Fanny Shimmon.
   iii. [9]Georgiana English.
4. [8]Amelia Norsworthy, who married Peter Sharp and left one daughter, now residing at Morristown, N. J.



LEMUEL SKIDMORE, A. B., LL. B.

WILLIAM B. SKIDMORE HARRIET BOND SKIDMORE

NEW YORK CITY

Mrs. Norsworthy and her family are interred in the Norsworthy tomb at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

WILLIAM B. SKIDMORE OF NEW YORK CITY, AND HIS FAMILY.

[7]**William B. Skidmore** [son of [6]Lemuel and Annie Burtis Skidmore] was born in 1791. He married Harriet A. Bond, daughter of Dr. Thomas E. Bond, editor of the *Christian Advocate,* New York City.

Harriet Bond Skidmore was interested in religious and philanthropic work in New York for a long period of years.

For fifty years she was active in the work of the Five Points Mission, being one of the original supporters of the work.

In 1873 she was elected corresponding secretary of the New York branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1883 she was elected general treasurer of this society, and continued in both offices until she died in 1904.

Mrs. William B. Skidmore was interested in founding the Woman's Hospital and the Ladies' Christian Union, of which she was president.

She was senior member of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons.

Her life was one of great activity and helpfulness.

Her husband, [7]William B. Skidmore, was a wealthy dry goods merchant in New York City. He retired from active business in 1850.

[7]William B. Skidmore was active as layman in the Methodist Church and for many years was a member of the board of managers of the missionary society of that denomination. He died in New York City in 1876; his wife in 1904.

They are interred in the family burial lot at Greenwood Cemetery.

The children of [7]William B. Skidmore are:

1. [8]Lemuel Skidmore.
2. [8]William B. Skidmore.

[8]**Lemuel Skidmore** [son of [7]William B. and Harriet Bond Skidmore] was born in New York City in 1843. In his early childhood he spent much time on the farm of his great-great-grandfather, John Bond, Esq., of Harford County,

Maryland. This ancestor was one of the founders of Baltimore.

[8]Lemuel Skidmore is likewise a great-grandson of Dr. Solomon Birckhead of Baltimore, as is also Rev. Hugh Birckhead, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, New York City. [8]Lemuel Skidmore was educated for the law and admitted to the bar in 1864. He has been counsellor-at-law in New York City many years. Attorney Skidmore's law office is at 69 Wall Street.

In 1888 Attorney [8]Lemuel Skidmore married Mary Johnson of New York City. The four children of Lemuel and Mary Johnson Skidmore are:

(1) [9]Anna Skidmore, born 1889.

(2) [9]Lemuel Skidmore, born 1891, a student at Princeton College.

(3) [9]Harriet B. Skidmore, born 1895.

(4) [9]James B. Skidmore, born 1899.

[8]**William B. Skidmore** [son of [7]William B. and Harriet Bond Skidmore] was born in New York City in the year 1850. He was educated for the law and was associated with his brother, [8]Lemuel Skidmore, for a time, but retired from professional life on account of his health. He married Julia Cobb of Morristown, N. J. He survived his wife and died in 1905 without children. His residence was at South Street, Morristown. Both [8]William B. Skidmore and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Morristown, N. J.

[7]**Lemuel Skidmore** [son of [6]Lemuel and Annie Burtis Skidmore] was born in New York, and died unmarried. He was interred in the tomb of his brother, Burtis Skidmore, at Greenwood Cemetery.

[7]**Robert Skidmore** [son of [6]Lemuel and Annie Burtis Skidmore] was born in New York. He was a coal merchant. He resided with his brother, [7]Burtis Skidmore, and died unmarried. He is also buried in his brother Burtis Skidmore's tomb at Greenwood Cemetery.

BURTIS SKIDMORE OF NEW YORK CITY, AND HIS FAMILY.

[7]**Burtis Skidmore** [son of [6]Lemuel and Annie Burtis Skidmore] was born in New York City on April 19, 1799, and died November 1, 1860, in New York. He married Eliza Wright, who was born December 19, 1799, and died March 6, 1859. [7]Burtis Skidmore was a wealthy

coal merchant in New York. Both he and his wife are interred in the handsome tomb which he built for his family in Greenwood Cemetery.

The children of [7]Burtis Skidmore are:

1. [8]James W. Skidmore, born July, 1828; he died July, 1832.
2. [8]Maria L. Skidmore.
3. [8]William L. Skidmore.

[8]**Maria L. Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Burtis and Eliza Wright Skidmore] was born October 6, 1833, in New York City. On June 7, 1856, she married Senor Don Simon Camacho, a Venezuelan, born June 22, 1824, at Caracas, Venezuela, South America. He was from a distinguished family. Senor Camacho represented Venezuela at the capital of the United States of North America; first as charge d'affaires, presenting his credentials on April 17, 1880; then as minister resident at Washington, D. C., credentials accepted November 28, 1882. Senor Camacho's term of service extended into the presidential terms of Hayes, Garfield and Arthur. He was also a well-known Spanish literary man, and a nephew of Gen. Simon Bolivar, the emancipator, called also "El Liberator," because he liberated Venezuela, Colombia, Bolivia and Peru from the Spanish yoke. (See notes.)*

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* Gen. Simon Bolivar, the Washington of South America, as he is sometimes called, was born at Caracas, Venezuela, in 1783. He died at San Pedro in 1830. Simon Bolivar was the son of a noble family. He was educated at Madrid and Paris and early conceived the idea of liberating his country from foreign rule.

In 1809 he visited the United States of North America and returned to South America more than ever determined to become the emancipator of his country.

He visited Great Britain for the purpose of enlisting their sympathy, but his mission was unsuccessful.

In 1810 he received a colonel's commission from the Revolutionary Junta. Venezuela declared her independence in 1811, and the war commenced in earnest.

In 1813 General Bolivar entered Venezuela as a conqueror and was hailed as the "Liberator of Venezuela." In 1819 he was chosen president with the power of dictator.

He led an army over the Cordilleras into New Granada and united this country with Venezuela as a republic under the name of Colombia, and was elected its president. Bolivar also assisted Peru in her efforts to overthrow the Spanish rule in 1826 and was for a period of years the president of Peru.

The "Bolivian Code" was adopted by Bolivia in 1826, and the following year by Lima. Bolivar retired from political life in 1830. He received from the Congress of Bogota a pension of 30,000 piasters and the thanks of the Colombian people. Though charged with ambition, he was, however, acknowledged to be a great patriot.

The city of Bolivar was named in his honor, also the Republic of Bolivia. Gen. Simon Bolivar expended most of his splendid patrimony in the service of South America.

A monument was erected to him at Caracas; and an equestrian statue of General Bolivar is at Lima.

He would undoubtedly rejoice to-day, if living, over the splendid outlook for the South American Republics, and at the erection in Washington, D. C., of the noble building known as the Bureau of American Republics, of which the Hon. John Barrett is the official head.

In 1908 the writer of this book listened to an eloquent address by Hon. John Barrett on the "Future of the South American Republics," which would have delighted the heart of General Bolivar.

The four children of [8]Maria L. Skidmore and Don Simon Camacho are:

1. [9]Leopold Anthony Camacho, born October 16, 1857. He is an alumnus of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y., and a mechanical engineer by profession, with an office at 71 Wall Street, New York City. He married on May 3, 1883, Anna E. DeCamp [daughter of S. G. J. DeCamp, Surgeon, United States Army]. Their children are:
   (1) [10]Anna DeCamp Camacho.
   (2) [10]Mary Erwin Camacho.
   (3) [10]Leopold Louis Camacho.
2. [9]Simon Bolivar Gregory Camacho, born April 24, 1859. He is an alumnus of Stevens Institute of Hoboken, N. J., and was in commercial life. He married on October 23, 1888, Frances Gladys Eaton. He died February 9, 1906. His wife is also deceased. Their children are:
   (1) [10]Margaret Camacho.
   (2) [10]Oriel Camacho.
3. [9]Alfred Frederick Camacho, born August 29, 1862. He is in commercial life in New York City.
4. [9]Louis Camacho, born October 20, 1867; died February 28, 1870.

[8]**William L. Skidmore** [son of [7]Burtis and Eliza Wright Skidmore] was born May 6, 1835, in New York City.

He married Helen A. Beadleston [daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Beadleston] of New York City. She was born August 6, 1838, and died May 16, 1907.

[8]William L. Skidmore was a member of Gov. Edwin D. Morgan's staff, being military secretary, appointed January 1, 1859.

In 1860, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales (the late King Edward) to the United States, [8]William L. Skidmore was one of the persons detailed to receive the prince on his arrival in New York Bay, October 11. Governor Morgan's staff included the following gentlemen: Frederick Townsend, adjutant general; George F. Sherman, inspector general; George F. Nesbitt, engineer in chief; Clarence A. Seward, judge advocate general; James L. Mitchell, quartermaster general; Robert L. Johnson, paymaster general; Cornelius R. Agnew, surgeon general; Edward G. Thompson, aide-de-camp; Charles W. Darling, aide-de-camp; Henry R. Rathbone, aide-de-camp, and William L. Skidmore, military secretary.

William L. Skidmore
New York City

Mr. Skidmore has spent his life in New York City, and is familiar with the political and commercial changes which have taken place there during the last half century and more. He has traveled abroad, but prefers his native land. He is a member of several societies and clubs, viz., The Society of Colonial Wars, St. Nicholas Society, Colonial Order, St. Nicholas Club, Rockaway Hunt Club. Mr. Skidmore is a member of the historic Collegiate Church, located corner of Fifth Avenue and 48th Street, a church rich in noble and interesting traditions and known as the St. Nicholas Reformed (Dutch) Church. (This church represents the original "Church within the Fort," organized under Peter Minuet, Director-General of New Netherlands, in 1628.) Mr. Skidmore resides at 39 West 52d Street. The children of [8]William L. Skidmore and Helen A. Beadleston are:

1. [9]Helen S. Skidmore [daughter of [8]William L. and Helen Beadleston Skidmore], born in New York, August 3, 1860. She married William Henry Harrison (son of William Henry Harrison). She has traveled extensively in Europe and the Far East.

   The children of [9]Helen S. Skidmore and William Henry Harrison are:

   (1) [10]Leland Harrison, born April 25, 1883; he received preparatory education at Eton college, England, and was graduated from Harvard college, Mass., in 1907, receiving the degree of A. B. He was a member of the Porcellian and other college clubs. Mr. Harrison passed the examination for the diplomatic service and was appointed private secretary to Ambassador O'Brien at Tokio, Japan; later was made third secretary to the American legation in Japan. He was transferred and appointed second secretary to American legation, Pekin, China. In the fall of 1910 Mr. Harrison was transferred to London, Eng., and is now second secretary to the American Embassy.

   (2) [10]John Presley Skidmore Harrison, born July 4, 1885, was educated at Eton college, England, and at Harvard college, Massachusetts, where he received the degree of A. B. in 1909. He is now traveling abroad (1910).

2. [9]Mary Nash Skidmore [daughter of [8]William L. and Helen Beadleston Skidmore] was born in New York City, May

16, 1862; married Henry Sanford Mann of Boston, Mass., on February 24, 1910, at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, Rev. Leighton Parks, D. D., officiating. Mrs. Mann is a member of this church. She was in Europe in 1910. Residence, Boston, Mass.

3. [9]Burtis Skidmore [son of [8]William L. and Helen Beadleston Skidmore] was born in New York City in 1864. He entered Princeton college but left because of illness. He died in 1890.

Mary Nash Skidmore
[Mrs. Henry S. Mann]
Boston, Mass.

CHAPTER XXIII.

AMOS SKIDMORE [SON OF NEHEMIAH] OF NEWTOWN, CONN., AND HIS FAMILY.

[6]**Amos Skidmore** [son of [5]Nehemiah Skidmore and Charity Lake] was born in Newtown, Conn., Lake George District, in 1762.

He married Esther Hitchcock Blackman [daughter of James Blackman and Lucy Hitchcock].

His home in the "Neck" was a large two-story house situated on the southeast corner, where the road from Land's End intersects the road coming from Obtuse on the west; whether [6]Amos Skidmore built or purchased this house, I do not know. His barn was opposite on the north side of the highway. Handsome meadow lands surrounded his home.

The Lake George schoolhouse was near [6]Amos Skidmore's, on the opposite side of the highway. [6]Abel Skidmore lived near by; later [7]Charles Skidmore built a house near the school and was proprietor of the comb shop.

THE NECK.

According to ancient custom the term "Neck" was used to describe land lying between two rivers, especially that portion included between the rivers as they approached each other.

The "Neck" in which Amos Skidmore lived and purchased land was a school district, and here in 1768, according to the records at Newtown, the settlers built a schoolhouse.

"In January, 1768, the town voted 'that all whose names are hereafter mentioned shall be a district school by themselves known by ye name of Lake George School, viz.: From Captain Joseph Wheeler to Newbury line, including all whose names are here annexed: Nehemiah Skidmore, Thomas Lake, Elnathan Skidmore, George Smith, Nathan

Lake, Joseph Wheeler, Ezra Bryan.' Voted, that Nehemiah Skidmore shall be committee. The district took its name from the combination of the names of the two men who were foremost in bringing the matter about. The Christian name of one man was George and the surname of the other was Lake. The combination formed the name Lake George."

A sawmill and a comb shop were at one time operated here. When the Shepaug railroad was built from Bethel to Litchfield, the road passed through the "Neck" near the stream.

The families residing in this locality were the Baldwins, Lakes, Blackmans, Smiths, Botsfords and Skidmores.

All were industrious people, and left an honorable posterity.

Little by little their children moved to other places, where their children might enjoy educational and business opportunities, leaving the "Neck" to a few families who till the soil, but have little of the thrift of the earlier occupants.

Riding through this locality quite recently, I was reminded of Lucy Larcom's words, "Mother Earth loves best to deck her tired-out places."

The general contour of the hills around about, the trees, some of great age and size, the rapid running brook, are still attractive.

How beautiful, even to-day, are those fern-bordered highways leading from the stream to the hills above; while from the fields come the aromatic odors of summer time.

AMOS SKIDMORE'S PROPERTY.

[6]Amos Skidmore inherited land from his father, [5]Nehemiah Skidmore, and purchased of [7]Zardis and [7]David (sons of his brother, [6]Elnathan Skidmore) their interest in their father's estate, which had come from Charity Lake Skidmore, widow of [5]Nehemiah Skidmore. This land was bounded on the south by highway, east by land of John Skidmore, and north by land of [6]Amos Skidmore. Newtown Land Record, Vol. 22, pp. 415-416.

In 1785 [6]Lemuel Skidmore sold to his brother, [6]Amos Skidmore, two pieces of land in the "Neck" and removed to New York City.

In 1798 [6]Amos Skidmore purchased land of Hezekiah Booth of New Canaan; the land was in lower Obtuse. In 1799 [6]Amos Skidmore purchased two pieces of land in Obtuse with a dwelling house and shop, orchard and twenty-seven acres of land. He paid $678 to the

owner, Julius Peck. In 1799 [6]Amos Skidmore was deeded land by his mother, Charity Lake Skidmore, on "Baldwin's Hill," Obtuse; she also deeded land at the same time to her son, [6]Elnathan. In 1800, [6]Amos Skidmore purchased land of Hezekiah Camp for $167. In 1819 Elijah Terrill sold to [6]Amos Skidmore for $298.50 a piece of land on "Baldwin's Hill." The home of [6]Amos Skidmore was taken down long ago, although for some years after his death it was used by his son Rufus as a dwelling for his farm hands.

Esther (Hitchcock) Blackman, wife of [6]Amos Skidmore, died February 26, 1835, being 73 years of age. She was a sister of Lucy (Hitchcock) Blackman, who married Jabez Hurd of Brookfield (Whisconier Hill) and whose son, Philo Hurd of Bridgeport, became a prominent railroad builder. (See sketch of Philo Hurd, chapter 42.)

[6]Amos Skidmore died April 15, 1835, aged 73 years. My mother, Esther M. Skidmore, tells me that just before her grandfather's death, she was taken by her father, [7]Rufus Skidmore, on horseback to her grandfather's house, as he had expressed a desire to see her. She was four years old at the time.

Both [6]Amos and Esther Blackman Skidmore are buried at Land's End Cemetery (their deaths occurred the same spring).

From the will of [6]Amos Skidmore recorded at Probate Office, Newtown, Conn., I have taken the following abstract:

WILL OF AMOS SKIDMORE, MADE MARCH 2, 1835 (ABSTRACT).

"I, Amos Skidmore, give and bequeath to my ten (10) grandchildren—children of Philo Baldwin, the following sums of money to be paid them as they come of age, viz.: To my three grandsons, James, John, Amos, $160 dollars each, with interest from one year after my death until each arrives at the age of 21 years. To my seven (7) granddaughters, $75 dollars each to be paid them when they reach the age of 18 years, with interest from one year after my death to the time each comes of age. I give these seven granddaughters all the wearing apparel of their late grandmother, Esther Skidmore, to be divided equally except the string of gold beads, which I give to my granddaughter, Esther Baldwin, over and above her equal share. I devise all the rest of my real and personal estate to sons, Wheeler and Rufus equally."

Wheeler Skidmore and Rufus Skidmore were executors of their father's will and gave bonds in $3,000, April 30, 1835.

The children of [6]Amos Skidmore and Esther (Hester) Hitchcock Blackman, his wife, were:

1. [7]Wheeler Skidmore, born 1786.
2. [7]James Blackman Skidmore, born 1788.
3. [7]Hannah A. Skidmore, born 1791.
4. [7]Rufus Skidmore, born 1795.

CHAPTER XXIV.

WHEELER SKIDMORE OF BROOKFIELD, CONN., AND HIS FAMILY.

[7]**Wheeler Skidmore** [son of [6]Amos Skidmore and Esther H. Blackman] was born at the "Neck," Newtown, Conn., in the year 1786.

In 1808, when he was twenty-two years old, his father, [6]Amos Skidmore, deeded him a dwelling house and fourteen acres of land. The deed says the property was bounded north by Elijah Terrill's land, and on all other sides by highways. The property was valued at $1,320 and was intended to be part of [7]Wheeler Skidmore's portion of his father's estate, which was settled in 1835, when [6]Amos Skidmore died.

His home was a few rods north of his brother's ([7]Rufus Skidmore). The house faced the west and was two stories high on the front with a long slanting roof which came within a few feet of the ground at the rear. A long, old-fashioned living room faced the south. The garden was between the front of the house and the Obtuse highway; while to the south of the house, a broad green lane or roadway ran out to the highway; this side road was part of an ancient highway, which once continued westward intersecting another highway east of Brookfield. In an attic room of this house was a loom used by the housewife. The loom was made of four square timber posts, seven feet high, set like a four-post bedstead and connected at the top and bottom by a frame.

A "swift" was used to wind the thread for the weaver who sat in the loom. The "swift" was a revolving cylindrical frame made of strips of wood arranged on the principle of the "lazy tongs"; the cylinder was supported on a center shaft. My mother says that when a little girl she liked nothing better than to wind the thread on the "quills" for her aunt, which were then dropped into the "shuttle" and used by the weaver.

Connecticut passed an order in early times directing the cultivation of flax, and offering a bounty for linen grown and spun in her colonies, and classes to teach the art were formed in some towns in New England.

Whittier once wrote:

> Still on the town-seal his device is found,
> Grapes, flax and thread-spool on a three-foil ground.

[7]Wheeler Skidmore was a farmer. He was a public-spirited man, held some town offices, and was school committee man. He married first, Miss Lake, who died December, 1809, aged 21. They had one son:

1. [8]Burtis Skidmore.

He married his second wife, Lucy Lake, February 28, 1811, a kind and helpful woman and the mother of two children:

2. [8]Betsey Skidmore.
3. [8]Star Skidmore.

His wife Lucy died June 27, 1859, aged 69. [7]Wheeler Skidmore died July 21, 1863, aged 77. They are interred in Land's End Cemetery.

[8]**Burtis Skidmore** [son of [7]Wheeler and first wife] was born at Obtuse, Brookfield, Conn., in 1807.

He built a house a short distance below his father's and just over the Newtown line (now the residence of Isaac Hawley). He married Hannah Bradley, born in 1812, a woman of good ability and enterprise. On the green in front of their house was erected during the days just previous to the Civil War a "Liberty Pole" for which Hannah Skidmore made the flag, and it was due to her patriotic zeal that the pole was raised. "Liberty Poles" were erected in many places as expressions of loyalty to the Union and devotion to the cause of liberty. Hannah Skidmore was a member of the Episcopal Church at Newtown. She died in 1884; Burtis Skidmore, her husband, in 1889. Both are buried in Land's End Cemetery.

[8]**Betsey Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Wheeler and Lucy Skidmore] was born in Obtuse District, Brookfield, Conn., September 21, 1811. She married Isaac Banks Scudder on October 28, 1832. He was the son of Captain Isaac Scudder of Newtown, Conn. They lived in Newtown until his death, when she returned to her father's home in Obtuse. Later she removed to the home of her daughter in Rochester, N. Y.,

Susan J. Scudder

Great-Granddaughter of Wheeler Skidmore

where she died, January 13, 1878. The children of Betsey Skidmore and Isaac B. Scudder were:

1. [9]Sarah Scudder, born December 5, 1833, at Newtown; married Charles Lamoureux of New Haven on April 3, 1854. They resided at Rochester, N. Y. [9]Sarah Scudder died January 5, 1909.

   The children of Charles Lamoureux and [9]Sarah Scudder are:

   (1) [10]Lucy Lamoureux, born July 16, 1855, died December 31, 1875.

   (2) [10]Julia Lamoureux, born June 3, 1858, and died October 3, 1878.

   (3) [10]Susan Lamoureux, born September 3, 1860; married Harry Fairman of Rochester, in 1883. Their son, Charles Fairman, was born December 19, 1884.

   (4) [10]Hattie Lamoureux, born November 2, 1862; married George Atkinson of Rochester, on October 22, 1885. The children of Hattie Lamoureux and George Atkinson are:

   i. [11]May Atkinson, born July 6, 1886; married Mr. Rose in 1910.

   ii. [11]Herbert Atkinson, born October 29, 1893.

   iii. [11]Ward Atkinson, born December 4, 1899.

2. [9]Samuel Star Scudder [son of [8]Betsey Skidmore and Isaac B. Scudder] was born at Newtown, Conn., on August 7, 1836. He married on June 30, 1858, Jennie Wright of East Bloomfield, N. Y. [daughter of Samuel and Sally Foster Wright]. He was a silver plater in New Haven, Conn., and later at Quincy, Ill. He became a farmer, locating at Newtown, Conn., where he remained until his death. [9]Samuel Star Scudder died March 19, 1900; his wife on October 12, 1901. They are interred in Newtown Cemetery. The children of [9]Samuel Star Scudder and Jennie Wright are:

   (1) [10]Susan Jennie Scudder [daughter of [9]Samuel and Jennie Wright Scudder] was born at Newtown, Conn., on November 1, 1863. She attended the Newtown, Academy during the principalship of Rev. J. P. Hoyt and afterwards taught school. [10]Susan J. Scudder is a member of the Newtown Congregational Church and is today one of its most active and useful members,

having at heart its highest interests. In her delightful home she entertains the young people of the church. She is to be found at the national gatherings of the Congregational church and in many ways manifests her interest in the larger movements of the day. She and her sister have traveled quite extensively in this country.

(2) [10]Mary Elizabeth Scudder [daughter of [9]Samuel S. and Jennie Wright Scudder] was born at Newtown, Conn., on July 3, 1865. She is a graduate of the New Britain normal school. For several years she was an assistant in the kindergarten department of the Practice School in South Manchester, Conn. During the last ten years she has been a successful instructor in the public schools of New Haven. She has traveled quite extensively with her sister.

(3) [10]Frances Carolyn Scudder [daughter of [9]Samuel S. and Jennie Wright Scudder] was born at Newtown, Conn., on January 4, 1874. She attended the Newtown Academy, and the Centenary Collegiate Institute of Hackettstown, N. J. She was married to Arthur Judd Smith [son of Rev. Henry Bagg Smith and Sarah Hazen] on May 26, 1897. Mr. Smith is one of the proprietors of the Bee Publishing Company of Newtown, Conn., and its business manager, secretary and treasurer. The *Newtown Bee* was established about the year 1877. The children of Arthur Judd Smith and [10]Frances Carolyn Scudder are:

i. [11]Paul Scudder Smith, born at Newtown, Conn., on December 3, 1902.

ii. [11]Earle Wright Smith, born at Newtown, Conn., November 12, 1905.

iii. [11]Robert Stedman Smith, born at Newtown, Conn., June 19, 1910.

In the year 1904 the three daughters of Samuel Scudder, the Misses Susan J. and Mary E. Scudder and their sister, Mrs. Arthur Smith, erected on Newtown Street, the beautiful double house which is now their home. No more attractive residence adorns this charming vil-

lage, nor one from which go forth more helpful and uplifting influences to bless the life of the town.

On the stairway of this home stands a fine old "grandfather's clock," having brass works and a "bonnet top." This clock is probably 150 years old; it has come down to the inmates of this home from their great-grandfather, Captain Isaac Scudder, who was born in 1776. He was a builder and constructed many of the older residences in Newtown. He also built the first Methodist church, which stood just above the present residence of his great-granddaughters. Captain Scudder was a devout Methodist and one of the founders of the Methodist Church in Newtown. The present edifice of this denomination is located at Sandy Hook.

3. [9]Lucy Scudder [daughter of [8]Betsey Skidmore and Isaac B. Scudder] was born at Newtown on December 18, 1838. She married Henry Lake of Brookfield, Conn. He was the son of Colonel Homer Lake, whose home was on Iron Works Hill. Father and son were engaged in manufacturing wool hat bodies for Glover Sanford of Bridgewater. Henry Lake was judge of probate from 1869-1873. He died at Brookfield, March 3, 1873. His sister, Susan Lake Gorham, now occupies the Lake homestead. Henry Lake and [9]Lucy Scudder had one son:

[10]William Lake, born in Brookfield, August 4, 1861. He died October 18, 1864. Both father and son are buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

[9]Lucy Scudder, widow of Henry Lake, married for her second husband, William Smith Lamoureux of Rochester, N. Y., on October 5, 1876. Her adopted daughter is Lilian Lamoureux, born August 6, 1880, graduate of a business college.

[9]Lucy Scudder Lake-Lamoureux died December 1, 1902, in Rochester, N. Y.

[8]**Star Skidmore** [son of [7]Wheeler and Lucy Lake Skidmore] was born at Brookfield, Conn., Obtuse District, in 1818, and died February 12, 1883, aged sixty-five years. He built a good house for himself north of his father's (now owned by William Parker). He was a farmer. He married Harriet Ferris [daughter of Gideon Baldwin

Ferris, who was born in 1793, and died in 1849]. Harriet Ferris Skidmore was born in 1815, and died August 18, 1885. Her brothers were William D. B. Ferris, born in 1823, and Jared Beers Ferris, born in 1832. They were great-grandchildren of Zachariah Ferris, a pioneer. Harriet and [8]Star Skidmore left no children. They are interred at Land's End.

CHAPTER XXV.

JAMES BLACKMAN SKIDMORE OF NEWTOWN, CONN., BROTHER OF WHEELER, RUFUS AND HANNAH SKIDMORE.

[7]**James B. Skidmore** [son of [6]Amos Skidmore and Esther Hitchcock Blackman] was born in Lake George District, the "Neck," in 1788. In early life he went for his health to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Luther M. Skidmore, at the Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y. This aunt was his mother's sister (Martha Hitchcock Blackman), who went in 1795 with her husband, Luther M. Skidmore, to the Butternuts. They were early settlers and prominent residents there, Luther Skidmore being the leading merchant there for many years.

[7]James B. Skidmore taught school at the Butternuts, but in a brief time after becoming an inmate of his aunt's household, he died. This was before the day of railroads and communication was rather infrequent.

[7]Rufus Skidmore, his brother, then about sixteen years of age, was sent on horseback to the Butternuts, or to a convenient point thereto, and returned with his brother's horse, saddle and some personal effects. This was quite an undertaking for a youth of only sixteen years of age. My mother was informed by her father of this incident of his youth, but more than this, that is, the particulars of her uncle's death, she never learned, nor could the dates of his birth and death be found either at Newtown, or in the family Bible. I therefore directed a letter to the Butternuts (which in 1840 had been incorporated as the town of Morris, Otsego County, N. Y.). My letter was delivered to the Methodist minister in Morris and he handed it to E. E. Carpenter, the editor of the *Morris Chronicle,* who printed it in his paper. My letter asked "for information as to the burial place of [7]James B. Skidmore, or, if anyone then residing in Morris had ever known him." Of course, no one now living there had ever heard of

James B. Skidmore, for as it developed he had been dead ninety-nine years. But two old men in Morris remembered Luther M. Skidmore (in whose house [7]James B. Skidmore died).

Mr. Carpenter also inserted my inquiry in the *Ostego Journal* and it was read by an old gentleman living at Sidney, Delaware County, N. Y., who wrote me a ten-page letter describing the location of the Luther M. Skidmore farm as he remembered it when as a boy he did "chores" on an adjoining farm and frequently went to the Skidmore barns. He wrote me of the "old burial plot" on a portion of this farm in which he thought it possible that [7]James B. Skidmore of Newtown, Conn., might have been interred, and offered to find the plot for me, but as his home was twenty or more miles from Morris I did not think best to accept the offer.

I had a man from Morris look over all the stones at "Dimock Hollow" (the ancient burying ground to which Mr. Irving Bennett referred), but no stone bearing the name of Skidmore was found. I concluded that I would be obliged to abandon the search for the grave of my kinsman, but some weeks later, a lady, Mrs. Charles Sheff, came into the office of the *Morris Chronicle* and said she thought she could find the spot where [7]James B. Skidmore was buried. She took a carriage and drove to "The Old Church Burying Ground," which is one mile and a half from Morris Center, and found the grave. The inscription on his stone reads: "James B. Skidmore of Newtown, Conn., died June 16, 1810, age 22 years, 15 days."

James Skidmore Baldwin
New York City
Son of Hannah Skidmore

CHAPTER XXVI.

HANNAH A. SKIDMORE [MRS. PHILO BALDWIN OF LERAYSVILLE, PA.].

[7]**Hannah A. Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Amos Skidmore and Esther Hitchcock Blackman] was born in Newtown, Conn., "Lake George District," in the year 1791.

She was the only sister of [7]Wheeler, [7]Rufus and [7]James B. Skidmore.

She married Philo Baldwin [son of John] of Newtown, Conn., on December 10, 1809, when she was eighteen years of age.

Philo Baldwin and [7]Hannah Skidmore were the parents of ten children, eight of whom were born at Newtown, Conn.; the two youngest were born at Leraysville, Pa., to which place Philo Baldwin removed in 1825 or 1826 with his family.

[7]Hannah Skidmore, wife of Philo Baldwin, died in Leraysville, Pa., on April 23, 1833. Philo Baldwin married for his second wife Marcia Northrop of New Milford, Conn., who survived him some years and died at New Milford. Philo Baldwin died at Leraysville, Pa.

The children of [7]Hannah A. Skidmore and Philo Baldwin were:

1. [8]**James Skidmore Baldwin** [son of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] was born in Newtown, Conn., October 3, 1810. He married Susan Baldwin of Elmira, N. Y. They lived at Elizabeth, N. J., and Brooklyn, N. Y.

   The three sons of [8]James Skidmore Baldwin and wife Susan are:

   (1) [9]William Skidmore Baldwin of New York City. He married and has one daughter married and living on Long Island.

   (2) [9]DeWitt Baldwin is married and has a daughter, [10]Susan, living in California. She is unmarried, was in Europe in 1907. He has a son, also in California.

[9]DeWitt Baldwin is a conductor, his route being between Chicago and Denver City.

(3) [9]John Baldwin [youngest son of [8]James and Susan Baldwin] married and had two children. [9]John Baldwin is dead.

2. [8]**John Baldwin** [son of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] was born at Newtown, Conn. He married Ellen Stevens. Their children are [9]James Baldwin, [9]Edward Baldwin and [9]Susan Baldwin. [9]James Baldwin resides at Leraysville and [9]Edward Baldwin is a merchant at Lestershire, N. Y. [9]Susan Baldwin is dead.

3. [8]**Juliet Baldwin** [daughter of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] was born in Newtown, Conn., June 16, 1813; she married Chauncey Seymour. Her two sons are:

(1) [9]Henry Seymour, who married and resides at Hampton, Iowa. He has a daughter, [10]Winnie.

(2) [9]Frederick Seymour, deceased, left a daughter, and sons, [10]William and [10]Augustus.

4. [8]**Esther A. Baldwin** [daughter of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] was born in Newtown, Conn., October 29, 1817; married George Little. Their son, [9]William Little, resides at Towanda, Pa. He is a lawyer.

5. [8]**Sarah Maria Baldwin** [daughter of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] was born in Newtown, Conn., January 18, 1820; married Augustus Smith; they resided at Cedar Falls, Iowa. She died in 1908. Her children are:

(1) [9]Edward Philo Smith of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

(2) [9]Sarah Smith Bellamy, who married and has a daughter and three sons.

(3) [9]Ella Smith Dyer, married and lives at Carthage, Mo.

6. [8]**Amos Skidmore Baldwin** [son of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] born at Newtown, Conn., April 14, 1822. He married Maria Smith. He died in 1908. His home was at Candor, N. Y. His children are:

(1) [9]Bert Baldwin.

(2) [9]Jennie Baldwin Woodfurd of Candor, N. Y. She has two daughters.

7. [8]**Ann Eliza Baldwin** [daughter of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] was born at Newtown, Conn., on April 15, 1824; married Alonzo Smith. Their children are:

(1) [9]Ellen Coleman.
(2) [9]Frank Smith, deceased.
(3) [9]Hattie Smith, deceased.

8. [8]**Sophia Jane Baldwin** [daughter of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] was born at Newtown, Conn., August 1, 1826. She married Edward Ross. Their children are:
(1) [9]James Ross.
(2) [9]Alice Ross Brown.
(3) [9]Fanny Ross Hoffer, resides in Jamestown, N. Y.

9. [8]**Emma Caroline Baldwin** [daughter of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] was born in Leraysville, Pa., September 13, 1830. She married Mr. Reuel Thayer. Her children were:
(1) [9]Hattie Thayer, deceased.
(2) [9]John Thayer, deceased, interred at East Charlemont, Mass.

10. [8]**Hannah A. Baldwin** [daughter of [7]Hannah Skidmore and Philo Baldwin] was born in Leraysville, Pa., on April 19, 1833. She married George B. Van Saun of Cedar Falls, Iowa. George B. Van Saun was born October 29, 1831, and died December 18, 1905. He was a banker and a prominent citizen, was city clerk of Cedar Falls for many years and a member of the Iowa State Legislature. He was a high degree Mason and custodian of Masonic work, holding the highest offices in the state for years. Mr. Van Saun was esteemed a noble gentleman. The children of [8]Hannah A. Baldwin and George Van Saun are:
(1) [9]William Skidmore Van Saun, born May 28, 1861. He married Sione Bell Hickey. They reside in Denver, Col., where he is a business man. His children are:
i. [10]Frederick B. Van Saun, Jr., born November 18, 1886.
ii. [10]William Hickey Van Saun, born June 17, 1888.
iii. [10]Dorothy May Van Saun, born January 26, 1901.
(2) [9]Frank Philo Van Saun, born October 21, 1864; married Clara May Hillier. Residence, Brooklyn, N. Y. His children are:
i. [10]Anna Maude Van Saun.
ii. [10]Beatrice Van Saun.

(3) [9]Frederick Baldwin Van Saun, born August 12, 1866; married Ella Maude Hillier. Residence, Jersey City, N. J. His children are:

i. [10]Herbert Van Saun.
ii. [10]Clara Van Saun.
iii. [10]Hillier Van Saun.
iv. [10]Irma Van Saun.
v. [10]George Harold Van Saun.
vi. [10]Maude Van Saun.

Frederick B. Van Saun is in business at 75 Hudson Street, Jersey City.

Rufus Skidmore
Brookfield, Conn.

CHAPTER XXVII.

RUFUS SKIDMORE OF BROOKFIELD, CONN., OBTUSE DISTRICT.

[7]**Rufus Skidmore** [son of [6]Amos Skidmore and Esther Hitchcock Blackman] was born at the "Neck," Newtown township, in 1795. In 1818 he married for his first wife, Esther M. Terrill of Brookfield, Conn. [She was the only daughter of Elijah Terrill and Bethia Blackman, daughter of Joseph Blackman of Newtown, Conn.] Her parents were wealthy farmers, owning the land from the Obtuse Corners south to the Skidmore farm. Their house was located on the east side of the highway near the Frederick Beers home.

In 1819 Elijah Terrill deeded to his daughter, "Esther M. Skidmore," a tract of land on "Baldwin's Hill," so called.

In 1821 [6]Amos Skidmore, father of Rufus Skidmore, deeded to his son [7]Rufus, a tract of land lying in Obtuse, Brookfield, which he estimated as valued at $1,578. This property was bounded on the south by land of Elnathan Peck; east by land of Peter Lake, Elijah Terrill, and Amos Skidmore's land, which came to him from his mother; north by the highway and "Easter M. Skidmore's" land; west by said "Easter's" land and the highway.

This property given to [7]Rufus Skidmore included a dwelling house and twenty-eight acres of land. This deed was known as "a deed of gift" and it stated that this property represented a part of Rufus Skidmore's portion of his father's estate.

Later [7]Rufus Skidmore acquired a large farm and was known as a successful farmer. His house (now well preserved) was on the east side of the Obtuse highway and not far from the Newtown line.

His wife, Esther Terrill, died April 6, 1824, interred at Land's End. She had received special advantages, having been a pupil at the Young Ladies' Seminary at New Haven, Conn., where she had acquired the accomplishments of a young lady of her day.

Rufus Skidmore and Esther M. Terrill were the parents of one daughter, Eliza Skidmore, born August 29, 1819.

Rufus Skidmore married for his second wife Maria Clarke of Newtown, Conn. She had been previously married to Harry P. Hawley, in October, 1822. He was a native of Ridgefield, Conn., and a great-grandson of Rev. Thomas Hawley, the first minister of Ridgefield. [Harry P. Hawley's grandfather was Captain Thomas Hawley, his father was Hezekiah Hawley and his brothers were John, Ebenezer and Dea. Samuel Hawley of Ridgefield.] One child was born to Harry P. Hawley and Maria Clarke, Henry Hawley, born November 5, 1825. He died October 6, 1828, being two years and eleven months old. Harry P. Hawley died January 26, 1826, in his twenty-eighth year. Maria Clarke (Hawley) returned to her father's home while still a young woman. Her second marriage occurred in April, 1829, when she became the wife of [7]Rufus Skidmore of Brookfield (Obtuse), Conn. At this time she was twenty-eight years of age and he thirty-four. Her two children by the second marriage were:

[8]Esther Maria Skidmore.

[8]William Henry Skidmore.

My grandmother, Maria Clarke, came of an interesting family. Her father was Esquire Zachariah Clarke, an active member of the Episcopal Church in Newtown, Conn. Her father removed from his early home at "Flat Swamp" to Newtown Center and built a home on what is known as the "Plain" (Philo Clarke Home). My mother has often described the Thanksgiving feasts at her grandfather's home, where he was wont to gather all of his large family of children and grandchildren and his pastor, Rev. Mr. Stocking. On these occasions two tables were provided and two turkeys prepared, for the adults and the children. These celebrations were all-day affairs.

Maria Clarke's mother was Hannah Toucey, daughter of Oliver Toucey [a son of Rev. Thomas Toucey, Newtown's first Congregational minister from 1715 to 1724].

Hannah Toucey had a brother, Oliver, Jr., whose son was the Hon. Isaac Toucey, governor of Connecticut in 1846; also United States senator from 1851 to 1857 and secretary of the United States Navy from 1857 to 1861. He was regarded as one of the ablest lawyers Connecticut ever had. (For sketch of Hon. Isaac Toucey see chapter 42.)

Maria Clarke and Governor Toucey were first cousins and about the same age. Maria Clarke's brothers were Walter, Charles, Wil-

liam, Oliver and Philo; with the exception of William, all resided in Newtown, Conn. Her sisters were Sally and Emma. (For a record of this family see chapter 42.)

My grandmother was a woman of strong character. After her second marriage her life was passed on a farm and her years were years of great activity. She was ambitious to do and to have. She was a woman of positive convictions. She early took her children to the house of God and brought them up to esteem the church. She does not seem to have made a public confession of her faith, however, until she was forty-nine years of age. At that time the records show that she united with the Brookfield Congregational Church (May 19, 1850). She was thereafter a regular attendant and a contributor to this church.

One of my lasting memories of my grandmother was her great love of flowers. The garden path was lined with bleeding-heart, geraniums, nasturtiums, poppies, ragged-robin and other flowers. The walk from the door to this garden was bordered with white phlox which was a beautiful sight when the moonlight flooded it. From the orchard, at the rear of the house, came the rare fragrance of rosy blossoms filling the May air with sweetness.

My grandmother retained her interest in her native Newtown and I think no other spot seemed quite so interesting and attractive to her. She made friends and visited them. She was hospitable. She appreciated her neighbors and in later years of illness she received every attention from them. Maria Clarke Skidmore died May 18, 1874, aged seventy-three years.

My grandfather, [7]Rufus Skidmore, was a man of generous proportions, being tall of stature and of large frame. He was very erect, even to old age. His face was rugged, with a prominent nose. His bearing was soldierly. My mother says that on "general training day," when mounted on his horse, he made a fine appearance.

So far as the town records of Brookfield show, he never held public offices; neither was he a regular church attendant; but on rare occasions he attended service at the Episcopal Church. He was not, however, without Christian faith; he read his Bible and sought to deal justly by his fellows. He was a man of few words, though an observer. His disposition was amiable. He manifested an interest in the affairs of his day though he did not participate in them. In 1854 he rode on his horse to Danbury to be present at the raising of the large monument to General Wooster of Revolutionary fame, which

still stands in Wooster Cemetery, Danbury. After the death of his wife in 1874, [7]Rufus Skidmore left his place in Obtuse and spent the last year of his life in the home of his son at Brookfield Center. He died September 5, 1875, being eighty years of age. Both he and his wife were interred in the Land's End Cemetery.

The old homestead in which [7]Rufus Skidmore and Maria Clarke passed their days is now owned and occupied by Mr. Howard Peck, and is in an excellent state of preservation.

But the descendants of Rufus Skidmore might say with a New England poet:

"All houses wherein men have lived and died
Are haunted houses. Through the open doors
The harmless phantoms on their errands glide,
With feet that make no sound upon the floors.

"The stranger at my fireside cannot see
The forms I see, nor hear the sounds I hear;
He but perceives what *is:* while unto me
All that *has been* is visible and clear."

Children of [7]Rufus Skidmore:

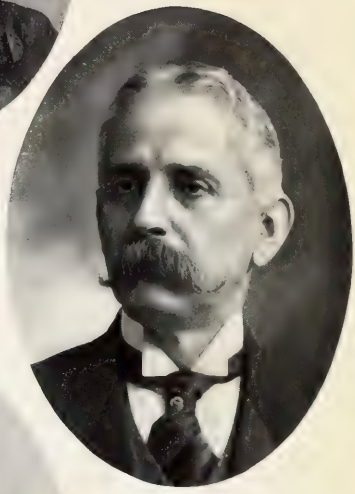
1. [8]Eliza Skidmore, born August 29, 1819, daughter of Rufus and Esther Terrill Skidmore.
2. [8]Esther Maria Skidmore, born January 1, 1831, daughter of Rufus and Maria Clarke Skidmore.
3. [8]William Henry Skidmore, born March 29, 1835, son of Rufus and Maria Clarke Skidmore.

ELIZA SKIDMORE [MRS. ALFRED WALKER, SR.] OF OSSINING-ON-HUDSON, N. Y., AND HER FAMILY.

But what a river! God has never poured
A stream more royal through a land more rich.
Stately manors rise along the banks,
And castles top the hills,
Until the river runs as proudly as the Rhine.
—*Van Dyke.*

[8]**Eliza Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Rufus Skidmore and Esther M. Terrill] was born at Brookfield, Conn., Obtuse District, August 29, 1819, and died at Sing Sing, N. Y. (Ossining), November 12, 1877.

She married Alfred Walker of Newtown, Conn. He was born on August 31, 1818, and died at Albany, N. Y., December 10, 1886.



Lizzie Walker-Townsend

Emmon T. Walker

James N. Walker

Alfred Walker, Jr.

Sons and Daughter of Eliza Skidmore

[8]Eliza Skidmore Walker was a woman of remarkable amiability, and dispensed her liberal hospitality to a large circle of friends. The delightful home of my aunt, with its well-nigh incomparable outlook upon the Hudson River, is among the pleasantest memories of my childhood. [8]Eliza Skidmore Walker was a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ossining.

Her husband, Alfred Walker, was actively engaged in business, for the most part in Sing Sing, N. Y., although in early manhood he was for a short time in business at Land's End, Newtown, Conn., and at one time he was proprietor of the Branard House at Elmira, N. Y. He was a manufacturer, his last work being at Albany, N. Y.

Alfred Walker, Sr., was warden of the State Prison at Sing Sing, from 1876-77. He never held political office in Sing Sing, although much interested in the politics of his state. The children of [8]Eliza Skidmore and Alfred Walker were:

1. [9]**Abigail E. Walker,** born at Land's End, Newtown, Conn., January 19, 1840; died there, August 4, 1842. She was interred in the Land's End Cemetery.
2. [9]**Emmon Terrill Walker** [son of [8]Eliza and Alfred Walker], born June 28, 1843, at Sing Sing. He attended the Military Academy at Peekskill, N. Y. He married Mary Halliday of Elmira, N. Y., on September 10, 1867, and resided in Elmira most of his married life. [9]Emmon Walker was engaged in the lumber business. He held for many years political offices in Elmira, N. Y. Both he and his wife attended the Park Church in that city. Emmon Walker died in August, 1909. The children of [9]Emmon Walker and Mary Halliday are:
   (1) [10]William H. Walker, who was born in Elmira, January 5, 1872, and died there November 4, 1879.
   (2) [10]Harry B. Walker, born in Elmira September 3, 1874. He married Grace Orven on October 15, 1903. He is engaged in the clothing business in Elmira.
3. [9]**James Nelson Walker** [son of [8]Eliza and Alfred Walker] was born at Sing Sing, N. Y., July 30, 1845. He attended school at Peekskill Military Academy, N. Y., in 1860; that year he described, in a letter to friends, a trip to West Point to see the Prince of Wales (the late King Edward of England) then on a visit to this country.

He married for his first wife, on April 10, 1869, Jennie Ogden of Elmira, N. Y. She died at Sing Sing in February, 1870. Their daughter, [10]Jennie Ogden Walker, was born at Sing Sing January 30, 1870. She is a graduate of the Elmira Female College. She married Hon. Charles H. Knipp of Elmira, a lawyer. He has been district attorney and member of the Assembly in state of New York. They attend Park Church, Elmira.

[9]James N. Walker married for his second wife, Mary Brummell of New York City, daughter of Adonijah Harrison Brummell of that city. Their marriage took place on April 23, 1879. In early manhood [9]James N. Walker was in a bank and in mercantile business in Sing Sing, but for the last thirty years has been in the business founded by his father-in-law, A. H. Brummell, in New York City. Retired from business in 1908. [9]James N. Walker and wife are members of the Methodist church, in which church Mr. Walker held the office of deacon. Mr. Walker died October 6, 1910.

4. [9]**William Rufus Walker** [son of [8]Eliza and Alfred Walker] was born September 27, 1850, at Sing Sing, N. Y. He died in Elmira, N. Y., on April 29, 1865, and is buried there.

5. [9]**Lizzie Walker** [daughter of [8]Eliza and Alfred Walker] was born on April 10, 1855, at Sing Sing, N. Y. She was graduated in 1875 from Miss Van Vleck's Seminary (now known as Ossining Seminary). She married William I. Townsend, a druggist, of Sing Sing, on June 14, 1887. [William I. Townsend was the son of William Townsend and Rebecca A. Signor of Kingston, N. Y.] [9]Lizzie Walker Townsend and husband were members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ossining. Mr. Townsend is now an officer in the church. My dear cousin and childhood friend died on July 31, 1893, at Ossining and is buried there.

6. [9]**Alfred Walker, Jr.** [son of [8]Eliza and Alfred Walker], was born at Sing Sing, N. Y., on April 10, 1855, being twin brother of Lizzie Walker. He attended school at Sing Sing, being a pupil at Bards', Posts' and Maj. Symonds', all military academies.

Esther M. Skidmore
(Mrs. Henry B. Hawley)

[9]Alfred Walker, Jr., has been engaged in the drug business thirty-four years at Ossining. He is a graduate pharmacist, having received his diploma from the New York State Board in 1884. He married Flora Clarke of Newtown, Conn., September 15, 1887 [daughter of Philo Clarke and Minerva Beers]. Flora Clarke Walker was born October 30, 1856, at Newtown, Conn. She attended Ossining Seminary. Her death occurred January 11, 1903, at Ossining, N. Y. She was a lover of music and art. Both [9]Alfred Walker, Jr., and his wife were members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in which church Alfred Walker is now an official. Their only child, [10]Clarke Skidmore Walker, was born at Ossining, N. Y., October 17, 1893.

ESTHER MARIA SKIDMORE [MRS. HENRY B. HAWLEY] OF BROOKFIELD CENTER, CONN., AND HER FAMILY.

[8]**Esther Maria Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Rufus and Maria Clarke Skidmore] was born January 1, 1831, in Brookfield.

Attended the district school, and later the Newtown Academy, and the Young Ladies' Institute at Danbury, which was conducted by Rev. J. H. Irwin.

On May 31, 1854, she married Henry B. Hawley [son of Benjamin and Betsey Peck Hawley].

He was born December 10, 1826, and died October 27, 1894.

Esther M. Skidmore and husband resided at the first in Brooklyn, N. Y., until 1864 (with the exception of two years spent in Brookfield, 1861-63). In 1864 they took up their residence in Brookfield Center. In 1887 the family removed to Danbury, Conn., where they lived until 1899, except during the summer seasons, which were spent at Brookfield Center.

Henry B. Hawley was engaged in mercantile business in New York City at 102 and 112 Fulton Street; later engaged in manufacturing business at Brookfield, Conn.

He was actively connected with religious and philanthropic work, first at the chapel at Brookfield, which he purchased and largely supported for sixteen years; later, he organized and conducted a large mission at Union Hall, Danbury, for about fifteen years and supported the same. He took an active interest in the work established by Dwight L. Moody at East Northfield, Mass., and attended the *first* summer

conference there. Henry B. Hawley was interred in Wooster Cemetery, Danbury.

The family resided at 4 Granville Avenue, Danbury, but took up their residence at Brookfield Center in 1898-99.

Esther M. Skidmore-Hawley resides in her home at Brookfield Center, enjoys an active life and is interested in the affairs of the day, especially the cause of missions and temperance, with which she has long been identified.

The children of [8]Esther M. Skidmore and Henry B. Hawley are:

1. [9]**Emily Carrie Hawley** [daughter of [8]Esther M. Skidmore and Henry B. Hawley] was born November 29, 1855, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

   Childhood spent in Brookfield, Conn. Graduated from Mount Holyoke (Seminary) College in 1877. Taught private school at Brookfield Center, Conn., from 1879-1881. Resided in Danbury, Conn., from 1883 to 1898, and was actively engaged in the Union Hall Mission (organized by her father) for fifteen years, delivering many public addresses, and contributing articles to secular and religious papers during this period.

   In 1894 the Republicans of Danbury elected Miss Hawley a member of the High School Board, which office she held some years.

   In 1893 was made one of the directors of Danbury Hospital, and in 1896 an honorary member.

   Her connection with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the State covers many years, and includes a wide acquaintance among its members. In 1889 she was invited by Miss Frances E. Willard to become a national speaker for the cause.

   In 1889 Miss Hawley became connected with the Woman's Suffrage movement and addressed the Connecticut Legislature on the occasion of the Equal Suffrage Campaign.

   She compiled and published a **History of Brookfield** in 1907, on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Congregational church at Brookfield, Conn.

   Miss Hawley compiled and published the **Skidmore Genealogy,** 1908-11.

   Miss Hawley is a member of the following societies: The Mount Holyoke Alumnæ Association of New York City;

William H. Hawley

George R. Hawley, M. D.

Henry B. Hawley, Jr.

Lucius S. Hawley

Sons of Esther M. Skidmore

the Lake Mohonk Peace Conference; the National Geographic Society, and Danbury Hospital Association.

2. [9]**William Henry Hawley** [eldest son of [8]Esther M. Skidmore and Henry B. Hawley] was born in Brookfield, Conn., November 26, 1858.

Attended public and private schools, and in 1878-79 he entered Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to receive a course of instruction in business methods.

Later he was a clerk in the store of Hawley & Co., Danbury, Conn., and was at one time engaged in hatting in that city.

For some years thereafter he was in the drug business in Danbury, and proprietor of a drug store.

About 1889 William Henry Hawley left Danbury and took a position with Dr. Kilmer & Company of Binghamton, N. Y., being a valued commercial traveler for this firm until his death. He was regarded as a young man of excellent business ability, and was a man of genial and gentlemanly bearing.

He was twice married. First, to Victoria Barnum Adams of Danbury, Conn., in 1882. Second, to Laura Martin of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, in 1893, who survived him.

William H. Hawley died at La Salle, Ill., December 4, 1893, being thirty-five years of age. He was interred at Oak Hill Cemetery, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

His son, by his first marriage, is:

[10]William Barnum Hawley, born in 1883, at Danbury, Conn., and now residing in New York City.

3. [9]**Dr. George Rufus Hawley** [son of [8]Esther M. Skidmore and Henry B. Hawley] was born at Brookfield, Conn., January 26, 1863.

He attended a public and private school at Brookfield, and later entered the Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, N. Y., from which he was graduated in the spring of 1892. He was interne at the College Hospital the following year, and for one year thereafter practiced medicine in Danbury, Conn.

In 1894 Dr. Hawley located in Brooklyn, N. Y., at 291 Gates Avenue, and commenced the practice of his profession.

On April 15, 1896, Dr. Hawley married Alice B. Beebe of Brooklyn, N. Y. [a daughter of David and Julia Benedict Beebe, formerly of Bethel, Conn.].

In 1896 Dr. Hawley took up his residence at 309 Gates Avenue, where he and his family resided until about 1907. After this they removed to 203 Gates Avenue, their present home. Dr. Hawley has been a practicing physician in Brooklyn for the last seventeen years and is connected with various medical associations.

Dr. Hawley and his wife are members of the Central Congregational Church of Brooklyn, of which Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D. D., is pastor. Dr. Hawley is a deacon in this church.

The daughter of [9]George R. Hawley, M. D., and Alice B. Beebe is:

[10]Julia Esther Hawley, born January 19, 1902, at 309 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., and now a pupil at the Adelphi Academy in that city.

4. [9]**Benjamin Hawley** [son of [8]Esther M. Skidmore and Henry B. Hawley] was born at Brookfield Center, January 29, 1866, and died at Brookfield, August 24, 1866.

5. [9]**Grace Skidmore Hawley** [daughter of [8]Esther M. Skidmore and Henry B. Hawley] was born at Brookfield Center on May 13, 1872, and died at Brookfield on September 28, 1872.

6. [9]**Henry Benjamin Hawley** [son of [8]Esther M. Skidmore and Henry B. Hawley] was born at Brookfield Center on May 11, 1874. He and his twin brother were baptized by the Rev. Ransford Wells, D. D., pastor of the Reformed Church at Brookfield.

Henry B. Hawley attended the public school at Brookfield until 1887, when he entered the Danbury public schools in which he remained until 1892.

He became a student at the Mount Hermon School at Mount Hermon, Mass., and was there in 1890 and in 1895. Henry B. Hawley was in business at Stamford, Conn., in 1895. In April, 1902, he entered the real estate business with offices at Danbury and Brookfield, Conn., and is an active and successful realty broker. He is a member of the Danbury Business Men's Association, and was secretary of the

Board of Trade Committee of this association at one time. Henry B. Hawley was for a number of years actively engaged in the Union Hall Mission at Danbury.

Mr. Hawley has traveled extensively in the United States, touring the South in 1897, 1901 and 1910. He spent a year on the Pacific Coast in 1898-99.

7. [9]**Lucius Skidmore Hawley** [son of [8]Esther M. Skidmore and Henry B. Hawley] was born at Brookfield Center, Conn., May 11, 1874.

He attended school at Brookfield and after removing to Danbury in 1887 he was a pupil in the public schools there. He also attended Stillman's Business College, located at Danbury, and was a member of the Young Men's Christian Association in that city. He was interested in the Union Hall Mission work at Danbury for some years. He returned to Brookfield Center in 1898, where he has since resided, being at present the assistant town clerk. In 1904 he united with the Congregational Church at Brookfield, and is interested in its Sabbath school and societies.

In 1903 Lucius S. Hawley traveled quite extensively through the South.

WILLIAM HENRY SKIDMORE OF BROOKFIELD, CONN., AND HIS FAMILY.

[8]**William Henry Skidmore** [son of [7]Rufus and Maria Clarke Skidmore] was born in Brookfield on March 29, 1835. He was married on October 17, 1865, to Julia G. Williams (daughter of Dr. Amos L. and Juliette Holley Williams). [8]William H. Skidmore resided during early manhood in Brookfield, Conn., and was interested in agriculture. He removed with his family to Ossining-on-Hudson where he resided from 1866 to 1871. He was there engaged in manufacturing business and built a residence on Hamilton Avenue. From 1871 to 1873, Mr. Skidmore and family were in Denver City, Col.

He returned to Brookfield Center in 1873 and purchased the residence now occupied by his family.

Mr. Skidmore became in early life a member of the Congregational Church at Brookfield; he served as superintendent of the Sabbath school and deacon of this church, he took a keen interest in the public affairs of his day and was an appreciative reader of the

best literature. Mr. Skidmore died on February 3, 1875. Julia G. Williams, his wife, was born May 26, 1837, in Brookfield. She studied at the New Britain Normal School and taught in Bridgeport, Conn., and St. Paul's School, Brookfield, until her marriage. She was for twenty-five years (1882-1907) secretary and treasurer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Congregational Church, Brookfield Center.

Children of [8]William H. and Julia Williams Skidmore are:

1. [9]**William Rufus Skidmore** [son of [8]William H. and Julia Williams Skidmore], born September 19, 1867, in Brookfield Center. Died September 17, 1869, in Brookfield Center.
2. [9]**Julia Wilhelmine Skidmore** [daughter of [8]William H. and Julia Williams Skidmore] was born September 26, 1869, in Brookfield Center, Conn. She was graduated from the Young Ladies' Institute, Windsor, Conn., in 1888, and was a student at Wellesley College, Mass., in 1888-89. Miss Skidmore is a successful teacher; she conducted a private school in Brookfield from 1889 to 1899; since 1904 she has been an instructor in the Curtis School for Boys at Brookfield Center.

   Miss Skidmore is a member of the Congregational Church, and has filled the office of clerk of the church since 1890. She is the secretary and treasurer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and an active worker in the Sabbath school.
3. [9]**Anna Theodora Skidmore** [daughter of [8]William H. and Julia Williams Skidmore] was born October 24, 1872, in Denver City, Col. She was graduated from Wellesley College in 1894, with the degree of B. S. Miss Skidmore is an enthusiastic teacher and excellent scholar. She taught at Northfield Seminary, Mass., from 1894 to 1903; taught in New York City in 1903-04; instructor in mathematics in High School, Newark, N. J., since 1905. Miss Skidmore is a member of the Congregational Church (Brookfield) and an active worker in the Belleville Avenue Congregational Church of Newark, N. J., and a member of its societies. She is frequently called upon for post-prandial addresses at social gatherings, and manifests a keen interest in the life of the community where she resides.

Wilhelmine Skidmore

Julia Williams-Skidmore

William H. Skidmore

Theodora Skidmore, B. S.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

JEDIDAH SKIDMORE, DAUGHTER OF LIEUT. THOMAS SKIDMORE.

[5]**Jedidah Skidmore** of Newtown and Harwinton, Conn. [daughter of Lieut. [4]Thomas Skidmore and wife Martha, and sister of [5]Nehemiah, [5]John and Lieut. [5]Thomas, Jr.], was born at Newtown December 16, 1721, and died after 1763. She married on November 30, 1749, Richard Hubbell of Newtown [son of Jonathan Hubbell and Peaceable Sillimen]. Richard Hubbell was born 1714, or earlier, at Newtown, and died in 1777 at Harwinton, Litchfield County, Conn. He was known as "Ensign Richard Hubbell" and was a man of considerable prominence. The children of [5]Jedidah Skidmore and Richard Hubbell were:

1. [6]Darius Hubbell, born October 7, 1750, at Newtown, Conn.
2. [6]Asher Hubbell, born September 20, 1752.
3. [6]Patience Hubbell.
4. [6]Eunice Hubbell, born in 1763.

[6]**Eunice Hubbell** [daughter of [5]Jedidah Skidmore and Richard Hubbell] was born in 1763 at Newtown, Conn.; died, September 2, 1839, at Pompey Hill, Onondaga County, N. Y. She married in Harwinton, Conn., June 12, 1783, Col. Hezekiah Hopkins, Jr. [son of Hezekiah Hopkins and wife Sarah Davis]. Colonel Hopkins was born in 1758 at Harwinton. He died, May 18, 1834, at Pompey Hill. The nine children of [6]Eunice Hubbell and Col. Hezekiah Hopkins, Jr., were:

1. [7]Fanny Hopkins, born June 4, 1784, died October 3, 1817, married Isaac Benedict May 22, 1802.
2. [7]Laura Hopkins, born September 22, 1785, died December 8, 1853, married Epaphroditus Emmons November 6, 1804.
3. [7]Sheldon Hopkins, born July 9, 1787. Went to Jefferson County, N. Y.

4. [7]Milton William Hopkins, born August 1, 1789, died April 14, 1844; married first, Abigail Pollard; second, Almina Adkins, November 17, 1817.
5. [7]Harry Hopkins, born November 21, 1791, died in 1872; married first, Theodocia Jerome; second, Mrs. Theodocia Hamilton in 1841.
6. [7]Dothy Hopkins, born May 19, 1794, died January 9, 1824, married Elias Sheldon, September 21, 1817.
7. [7]Hezekiah Hopkins, born in 1797, died June 5, 1836, married Susan Brace.
8. [7]Richard Hubbell Hopkins, born September 5, 1798, died April 24, 1863; married first, Theodora Phelps, 1822; second, Mrs. Mary Muhlenberg, 1838.
9. [7]Charlotte Hopkins, born March 21, 1803, died April 17, 1883, married Mr. Beardslee.

[7]**Milton William Hopkins** [son of Col. Hezekiah Hopkins, Jr., and Eunice Hubbell] was born in Harwinton, Conn., August 1, 1789, and died April 14, 1844, at Williamsburg, Ohio. He married first, Abigail Pollard. He married second, Almina Adkins [daughter of John Adkins and Marcia Griffing] on November 17, 1817. She was born in North Guilford, Conn., or Cambridge, Washington County, N. Y., on November 4, 1790; she died April 6, 1861, in Cincinnati, O. [7]Milton William Hopkins and wife lived at Adams Mills until 1820, when they removed to Evans Mills (both in Jefferson County), and remained there until 1824; later they lived for about fourteen years at Albion, N. Y., and in 1838 they went to Ohio.

Children of [7]Milton William Hopkins and first wife, Abigail Pollard, were:

[8]Henry Pollard Hopkins, born 1810, died in 1887. He married Sarah Mann Cooley in 1838.

Three children died in infancy. (Children of the first marriage.)

Children of [7]Milton William Hopkins and second wife, Almina Adkins:

1. [8]George Gilbert Hopkins, born February 5, 1819, died February 2, 1867, married Mary A. Robinson, December 30, 1841.
2. [8]Abigail Hopkins, born March 11, 1820, died December, 1901, married Rev. William H. Rogers, 1842.
3. [8]Charlotte M. Hopkins, born November 16, 1821, died September 25, 1891, married Rev. John E. Chandler.

4. [8]Flora A. Hopkins, born July 12, 1824, living in 1906, married Judge Joseph Miller.
5. [8]Richard Rush Hopkins, born April 15, 1826, died July 16, 1874, married Mary Logan Baldridge.
6. [8]Lucius Smith Hopkins, born July 5, 1828, died December 4, 1881, married first, Eliza A. Knight, April 9, 1856; second, Mary J. Hamilton, December, 1865.
7. [8]Lewis Cheesman Hopkins, born July 5, 1828, died May 9, 1904, married Julia Maria Whetstone, January 30, 1851.
8. [8]Milton William Hopkins, born June 11, 1830, died July, 1850.
9. [8]Theodora Jane Hopkins, born February 25, 1833, living in 1906, married first, Frederick Andress; second, Charles Posson.

[8]**Lewis Cheesman Hopkins** [son of [7]Milton William Hopkins and Almina Adkins] was born in Albion, Orleans County, N. Y., July 5, 1828, and died May 9, 1904, at Englewood, N. J. He married in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 30, 1851, Julia Maria Whetstone [daughter of John Whetstone and Julia Maria Hopkins], born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 28, 1833; died at Alpine, Bergen County, N. J., November 21, 1901. The children of [8]Lewis Cheesman Hopkins and Julia M. Whetstone are:

1. [9]Caroline Storrs Hopkins, born May 11, 1852, died August 4, 1888, married Captain Louis Constantine Beck, September 15, 1875.
2. [9]Franklin Whetstone Hopkins, born December 2, 1857, living in Brooklyn, N. Y.; married Jennie Chandler White on February 23, 1882.
3. [9]Allison Rutherford Hopkins, born August 4, 1865, died January 10, 1904, married Eva Claflin on April 17, 1888.

[9]**Caroline S. Hopkins** [daughter of [8]Lewis Cheesman Hopkins and Julia Maria Whetstone] was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 11, 1852, died at Hirsau in the Black Forest, Germany, August 4, 1888. She married in Dresden on September 15, 1875, Captain Louis Constantine Beck [son of Johann Georg Beck and Karolina Regina Ulrika Kürschner], born in Olsnitz in Saxony, September 28, 1843; now living in Stuttgart.

The three children of [9]Caroline Storrs Hopkins and Captain Louis C. Beck are:

1. [10]Hilde Caroline Beck, born June 24, 1876, in Stuttgart, mar-

ried Alfred Opdyke, March 28, 1900; resides at Alpine, N. J., and in New York City. Has two daughters.

2. [10]Arwin Walter Beck, born September 27, 1877, in Stuttgart, married Mrs. Gertrude (Roblee) Harrison on May 21, 1907; resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

3. [10]Hedelind Elsa Beck, born January 22, 1882, in Stuttgart, married in Brooklyn, N. Y., on April 7, 1906, Ashbel Russell Welch [son of Ashbel Welch and Emma Delia Finney of Germantown, Pa.]. He was born at Lambertville, N. J., July 17, 1879. Resides at Haworth, Bergen County, N. J. Their daughter, Hedelind Elizabeth Welch, was born December 21, 1909, at Haworth, N. J.

No record of the families of Darius and Asher Hubbell has been secured by me. When their father, Richard Hubbell, moved to Harwinton, Conn., his sons probably went with him.

About the year 1800 there was a great exodus from Harwinton to York State, and they may have been among those who removed.

Walter Hubbell has written a genealogy of the Hubbell family, but I have not seen the book.

CHAPTER XXIX.

JOHN SKIDMORE OF NEWTOWN, CONN. [SON OF LIEUT. THOMAS SKIDMORE, SR.].

I love the old white farmhouses nestled in New England valleys,—
With elm-trees feathering over them:
Borders of box, and lilac, and old fashioned flowers:
The woodshed piled with maple, birch and hickory:
The garret crowded with ancestral relics.

—*Van Dyke.*

[5]**John Skidmore** [son of Lieut. [4]Thomas Skidmore, Sr., and wife Martha] was born in Newtown, Conn. (Land's End), January 16, 1726, and died in 1790. His brothers were [5]Nehemiah and Lieut. [5]Thomas, Jr.; his sisters were [5]Jedidah, [5]Mary, [5]Comfort, [5]Martha and [5]Rebecca.

[5]John Skidmore married Mary Prindle [daughter of Joseph Prindle]; she was born October 24, 1724, and died April 24, 1807.

The children of [5]John Skidmore and Mary Prindle were as follows:

1. [6]Elias Skidmore, who married Mary Reed. He died May 20, 1804.
2. [6]Amon Skidmore, resided in Rochester, N. Y.
3. [6]Abel Skidmore, who married Bethia Glover.
4. [6]Annis Skidmore, who married ——— Brown.
5. [6]Ruby Skidmore, who married William Allen.
6. [6]Mary Skidmore, who married Jabez Taylor.
7. [6]Hulda Skidmore married James Thomas.

Two other daughters, married Mr. Turner and Mr. Barnum, respectively.

The will of [5]John Skidmore, from which I have made the following abstract, is on file at Danbury:

WILL.

Will of John Skidmore, dated September 22, 1790, leaves to wife Mary Skidmore one half of his dwelling house and furniture. He gives to his granddaughter, Annis Barnum, and to his grandsons, Daniel and Jeremiah Turner, property. Also leaves property to the heirs of his daughter, Annis Brown. To his son, [6]Elias Skidmore, he leaves land on Baldwin Hill. To son [6]Amon, he gives one half of his house and farming utensils. Gives to son [6]Abel Skidmore, property. To daughters [6]Ruby Allen and [6]Mary Taylor he gives ten pounds each. To daughter [6]Hulda Thomas, seven pounds. The remainder of his estate is given to [6]Abel and [6]Amon, who are his executors. Probated at Danbury, Conn.

CHAPTER XXX.

ABEL SKIDMORE OF NEWTOWN, CONN. [SON OF JOHN SKIDMORE], AND HIS FAMILY.

[6]**Abel Skidmore** [son of [5]John and Mary Prindle Skidmore] was born in Newtown, Conn., "Lake George District," in 1754, and died September 30, 1846, being ninety-two years of age.

He married Bethia Glover [daughter of James and Eunice Booth Glover]. She died July 18, 1853, aged ninety years. Both Abel and his wife were interred in Land's End Cemetery.

They were members of the Episcopal Church at Newtown Center. Their home was in the "Neck," near the home of Amos Skidmore.

The records show that [6]Abel Skidmore purchased in 1789 of his father, [5]John Skidmore, for $500, thirty-eight acres of land in Obtuse District north of the "Neck."

In 1828 [6]Abel Skidmore deeded land to his son [7]Glover, and in 1835 [6]Abel Skidmore sold land to Dr. Ed. A. Lacey at a place called "Nichols Farms," Obtuse District.

In 1835 [6]Abel Skidmore deeded land to Elizabeth, wife of [8]John Skidmore, his grandson, for $232.

[6]Abel Skidmore had thirteen children; all of his sons with the exception of [7]Zerah and [7]Bennett Skidmore lived and died in Newtown, Conn. The children of [6]Abel and Bethia Glover Skidmore were:

1. [7]Daniel Skidmore, who married Marjory Blackman.
2. [7]Zerah Skidmore, who married Bernice Hurd.
3. [7]Glover Skidmore, who married Sarah Blackman.
4. [7]Bennett Skidmore, who married Eliza Berry [daughter of Dr. Berry] of Kent, Conn.
5. [7]Annis Skidmore, whose husband was Henry Jackson.
6. [7]Eunice Ann Skidmore, who married Samuel Blackman.
7. [7]Mary Ann Skidmore, whose husband was Glover Botsford.

8. [7]Maria Skidmore, married John Lake, Jr., who died in 1837.
9. [7]Abel Booth Skidmore, who married Lucy Berry.
10. [7]John Skidmore, who married Molly Wheeler [daughter of Bennet Wheeler].
11. [7]Charles Skidmore, who married Mary Fairchild.

[Two of [6]Abel Skidmore's family are not accounted for.]

[7]**Daniel Skidmore** [son of [6]Abel and Bethia Glover Skidmore] married first, Marjory Blackman, second, Sarah Ann Dibble.

The children of [7]Daniel Skidmore by his second marriage were:

1. [8]Lauren R. Skidmore, born July 4, 1854, married Ella Northrop in 1876. He resides at Newtown, Conn., and is a farmer.
2. [8]Sarah Ann Skidmore, born April 11, 1858, died November 1, 1904, unmarried; interred at Land's End.

ZERAH SKIDMORE.

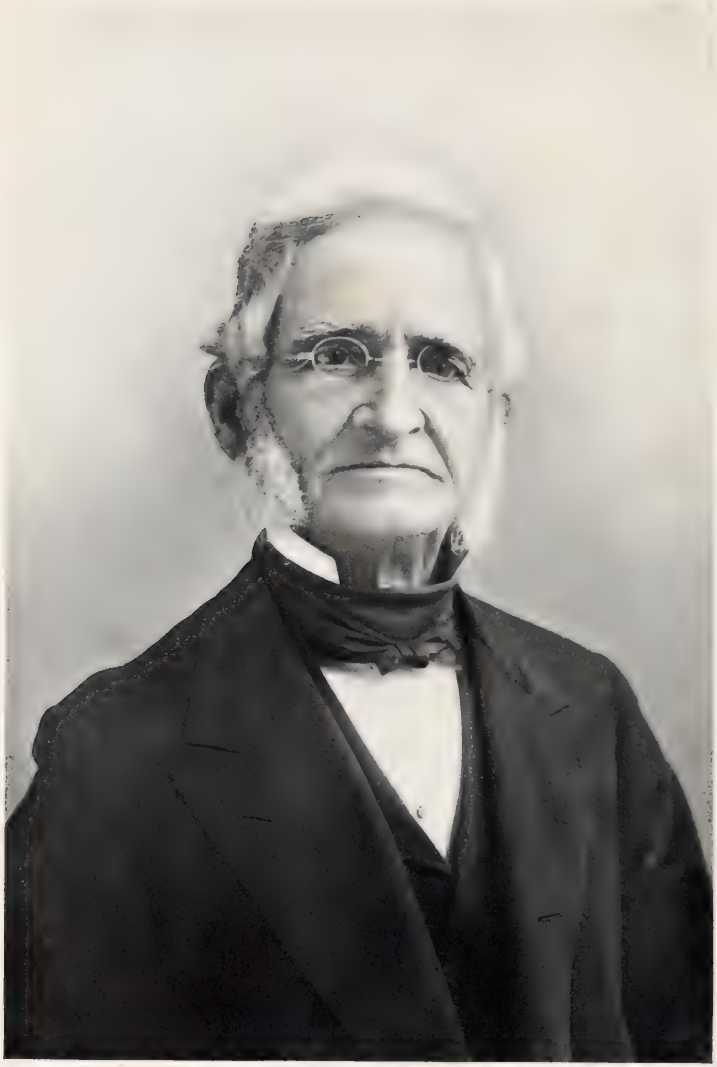
[7]**Zerah Skidmore** [son of [6]Abel and Bethia Glover Skidmore] was born at Newtown, Conn., January 15, 1783, and died at Bethlehem, Conn., December 15, 1871. He married Bernice Hurd [daughter of Jabez Hurd and Lucy Hitchcock Blackman]. She and her husband removed to Bethlehem, Conn., in 1805, where she died May 29, 1850.

[7]Zerah Skidmore married for his second wife Catherine Kasson, widow of John Kasson. [7]Zerah Skidmore's lifetime of more than eighty years covered a most eventful period in United States history. He was born just before George Washington took the presidency, and lived during the sixteen following administrations or until U. S. Grant's second term of office.

Three wars occurred within his memory, namely: the war of 1812 with Great Britain, the war of 1846 with Mexico, and the Civil War of 1861-1865. Extensive territory was added to the United States also during his time. The Louisiana Purchase from Napoleon, in 1803, added over 1,000,000 square miles to this republic, and the purchase of Alaska in 1867 increased it by 580,000 square miles.

The children of [7]Zerah Skidmore and Bernice Hurd were:

1. [8]Homer Skidmore [son of [7]Zerah and Bernice Hurd Skidmore], born at Bethlehem, Conn., March 23, 1807. He married Annis N. Raymond [daughter of Isaac]. Their three children were:



Philo Hurd Skidmore, Sr.
of Bridgeport and Newtown, Conn.

(1) [9]D. Bernice Skidmore [daughter of [8]Homer], born August 26, 1838, died January 3, 1883, at New Haven, Conn.

(2) [9]Sarah L. Skidmore [daughter of [8]Homer], born June 5, 1843, died ———, 1908, married Burnett H. Johnson of Bethlehem, Conn. He died in 1909. Their six children are:

i. [10]Stella Johnson, who married James Flynn, and died aged thirty-one years.

ii. [10]Homer S. Johnson, married and had three children, resided in Waterbury, Conn., died aged thirty-one years.

iii. [10]Burnett H. Johnson, married Agnes Bloss, and lives in Waterbury, Conn.

iv. [10]Henry R. Johnson, married Mary Griswold, has three children, resides at Bethlehem, Conn.

v. [10]Albert E. Johnson, married Mary Allen of Bethlehem, Conn.

vi. [10]D. Bernice Johnson.

In November, 1909, the children of Burnett H. Johnson and [9]Sarah Skidmore gave a "memorial fund" to Christ Church, Bethlehem, Conn.

(3) [9]Henry A. Skidmore [son of [8]Homer] born June 21, 1851. Resides at Chelsea, Mass.

2. [8]Julia Skidmore [daughter of [7]Zerah Skidmore] born in 1810, married Roswell Morse of Unadilla, N. Y. Their children are:

(1) [9]Bennett Morse.

(2) [9]Julia Morse.

(3) [9]Wealthy Morse. All of Unadilla, New York.

3. [8]Wealthy Skidmore [daughter of [7]Zerah Skidmore] born in 1813. Married Lucius Shelton.

4. [8]Philo Hurd Skidmore.

PHILO HURD SKIDMORE OF BRIDGEPORT AND NEWTOWN, CONN.

[8]**Philo Hurd Skidmore** [son of [7]Zerah and Bernice Hurd Skidmore] was born at Bethlehem, Conn., October 1, 1817. He married Abigail M. Ives of Cheshire, Conn. [daughter of Joel and Abigail

(Bristol) Ives]. They were married May 1, 1844. Abigail M. Ives was born July 21, 1824.

[8]Philo H. Skidmore was prominent as a business man. He removed to Bridgeport, Conn., and in 1860 became proprietor of the Pacific Iron Works, his business being the constructing of steam engines and general machine work, the largest concern of its kind in Bridgeport, Conn. He was warden of Christ Episcopal Church, Bridgeport. Later he made his home in Newtown, Conn. (in the house now occupied by Mr. Naramore). He represented Newtown in the Legislature in 1870. He died in 1893.

The children of [8]Philo Hurd Skidmore and Abigail Ives are:

1. [9]**Stella Amelia Skidmore,** born December 20, 1845, at Bethlehem, Conn.; married Edward Leonard Beard [son of Benjamin F. Beard and Sarah King] on November 16, 1870. Her husband was born at Utica, N. Y., July 28, 1840. They resided first in Savannah, Georgia; at the present time in Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Beard is now in London, Eng. Stella Skidmore Beard is greatly interested in the record of the Skidmore family, and has assisted and encouraged me in this undertaking.

   The five children of [9]Stella A. Skidmore and Edward L. Beard, are:

   (1) [10]Bessie Woodbury Beard, born August 3, 1871, at Savannah, Georgia.

   (2) [10]Florence Beard, born January 9, 1874, at Savannah, Georgia.

   (3) [10]Mabel Montgomery Beard, born May 27, 1877, at Cambridge, Mass. She married Francis Mitchel Smith on May 18, 1905. She has two children:

   i. [11]Caroline Rhodes Smith, born at Providence, R. I., July 17, 1906.

   ii. [11]Francis Mitchel Smith, Jr., born at Providence, R. I., November 24, 1907.

   (4) [10]Amy Wentworth Beard, born April 3, 1879, at Cambridge, Mass. Married George Shepard Chappell on October 4, 1905. Their two children are:

   i. [11]Barbara Chappell, born at Pelham Manor, N. Y., on November 3, 1906, died January 5, 1907.

   ii. [11]George Shepard Chappell, Jr., born at Pelham Manor, N. Y., June 29, 1908.

Stella A. Skidmore
[Mrs. Edward L. Beard]
of Cambridge, Mass.

(5) [10]Edward Leonard Beard, Jr., was born June 23, 1886, at Cambridge, Mass. He was graduated from Harvard university in 1910.

2. [9]**Julius Wordsworth Skidmore** [son of [8]Philo H. and Abigail Ives Skidmore] was born at Bethlehem, Conn., March 15, 1847. He came to Bridgeport, Conn., in 1853. He attended the Cheshire (Conn.) Military academy. During the Civil War he was a drummer boy in Co. D, 23d Connecticut Volunteers. From 1870 to 1875 he superintended the construction of the St. Augustine Railroad, Florida. From 1875 to 1884 he was with his father, P. H. Skidmore, in the Pacific Iron Works at Bridgeport, Conn. Later he was engaged in the hatting industry.

[9]Julius Skidmore married Marion E. Lewis in 1876. She was the daughter of Dr. T. Lewis of Stratford, Conn., and Hepsa Wells.

The children of [9]Julius Skidmore and Marion Lewis are:

(1) [10]Lewis P. Skidmore (Bachelor of Fine Arts, Yale, 1911).

(2) [10]Maud Bernice Skidmore, both of Bridgeport, Conn.

3. [9]**Abigail Louise Skidmore** [daughter of [8]Philo H. Skidmore], born at Bethlehem, Conn., March 12, 1849; married Henry T. Nichols of Newtown, Conn., on May 13, 1868. She died December 29, 1889. He died August 1, 1887. Their six children are:

(1) [10]Henry S. Nichols, born March 15, 1869; married Harriet Nichols of Newtown, Conn. He is a dentist at New Haven, Conn. They have one daughter: [11]Jessie Nichols.

(2) [10]Philo Hurd Nichols of Bridgeport, Conn., born February 2, 1870 (unmarried).

(3) [10]Stella L. Nichols, born November 14, 1871, married Frederick W. Hall, October 4, 1893. He is cashier of the Pequonnock National Bank, Bridgeport, Conn. Their children are:

i. [11]Pauline Nichols Hall, born April 13, 1895.

ii. [11]Harold Hatch Hall, born March 26, 1897, died May 11, 1897.

iii. [11]Ruth Skidmore Hall, born July 19, 1898.

(4) [10]Jessie A. Nichols, born May 1, 1875, died December 6, 1880.

(5) [10]Walter Monroe Nichols, born November 27, 1877. Resides at Milford, Conn. Married Eva Birdsall. One daughter, [11]Hazel.

(6) [10]Arthur Nichols, born February 15, 1881, died September 25, 1886.

4. [9]**Philo Hurd Skidmore, Jr.** [son of [8]Philo Hurd Skidmore, Sr.], was born at Bethlehem, Conn., August 8, 1851, and died in Bridgeport, 1902. He was in Florida some years superintending the construction of the St. Johns railroad. Later he returned and resided at Bridgeport, Conn. He was at one time State Senator. He married Irene Brown. Their children are:

(1) [10]Nellie Skidmore.

(2) [10]Laurie Skidmore.

(3) [10]Amy Skidmore, deceased.

(4) [10]Philo Hurd, 3d, deceased.

(5) [10]Preston Skidmore.

5. [9]William A. Skidmore [son of [8]Philo H. Skidmore, Sr.] born January 12, 1856, at Bridgeport, Conn., died April 21, 1859.

6. [9]Edward Ives Skidmore [son of [8]Philo H. Skidmore, Sr.], born August 18, 1860, at Bridgeport, died July 13, 1865.

7. [9]Herbert Monroe Skidmore [son of [8]Philo H. Skidmore, Sr.], born at Bridgeport, Conn., November 30, 1863, died November 23, 1885.

GLOVER SKIDMORE.

[7]**Glover Skidmore** [son of [6]Abel and Bethia Skidmore] was born in Lake George District, Newtown, Conn. He married Sarah Blackman, who died June 27, 1853. His second wife, Sarah, died February 6, 1860. Both Glover Skidmore and his first wife were members of the Episcopal Church at Newtown.

They lived at Land's End, on the hillside west of the cemetery (the "Cole place"). [7]Glover Skidmore died January 19, 1861, aged seventy-eight. Both Glover Skidmore and his two wives are buried at Land's End.

The children of [7]Glover and Sarah Blackman Skidmore were:

1. [8]**John Russell Skidmore,** born in 1806. He died in 1844. He married Julia Botsford in 1829; she was born in 1808 and died in 1888. They lived at Land's End (the Asa Hawley

place) near the cemetery. Both [8]John Russell Skidmore and wife are interred there.

The children of [8]John R. and Julia Botsford Skidmore were:

(1) [9]William Botsford Skidmore, born in 1830, died in 1833.

(2) [9]William Russell Skidmore, born in 1834, and died unmarried in 1893.

(3) [9]Robert Edwin Skidmore was born in 1837, died at Bridgeport, Conn., in 1908. He married Grace Walker, born in 1849, died in 1905. [9]Robert Edwin Skidmore was for many years engaged in the real estate business at Bridgeport, Conn. The two children of [9]Robert Edwin Skidmore and Grace Walker were:

i. [10]Julia E. Skidmore, 1871-1871.

ii. [10]Grace Skidmore, 1873-1873.

(4) [9]Mary Caroline Skidmore [daughter of [8]John Russell and Julia Botsford Skidmore] was born in 1841. She resided for many years at Bridgeport, Conn. She is a member of Christ Episcopal Church of that city and is active in every good cause. Miss Skidmore is at present residing at Newtown, Conn. She is much interested in the history of the Skidmore family.

2. [8]**Caroline Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Glover and Sarah Blackman Skidmore] was born in Newtown township, Land's End, in 1812, and died June 3, 1850. She married Ammon Booth Blackman, born 1802, died September 3, 1858. Both Caroline and her husband are buried in the Land's End Cemetery. The son of [8]Caroline and Ammon B. Blackman is:

[9]Philo Booth Blackman, who was born in 1850; he lives at Brookfield, Conn., and married Antoinette Carpenter of Brookfield. They have seven children; among the number is their son:

[10]William H. Blackman, who was born in Brookfield on July 30, 1877. He was graduated from Mount Hermon School at Mount Hermon, Mass., in the year 1902. He married Susan Burger of Harrison, N. Y., on February 15, 1906. He is engaged in agriculture at Brookfield and is treasurer of the Congregational Church in that town and an active member.

[7]**James Bennett Skidmore** [son of [6]Abel] married Eliza Berry [daughter of Dr. Berry of Kent, Conn.]. They had two sons and one daughter, viz.:

1. [8]George Skidmore, who married a Miss Bennett of Newtown, Conn.
2. [8]James Skidmore, who married a sister of George Skidmore's wife and had one daughter, Eliza, who married a Mr. Fowler of Bethlehem, Conn.
3. The daughter of James Bennett Skidmore married Allen Smith. Both are dead.

[7]**Annis Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Abel Skidmore] married Henry Jackson [son of David Jackson of New Milford].

EUNICE ANN SKIDMORE.

[7]**Eunice Ann Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Abel Skidmore and Bethia Glover] was born in Newtown township. She married Samuel Blackman [son of James Blackman of Newtown, Conn.]. They lived near Hawleyville, Conn. Samuel died June 9, 1868, aged eighty-seven years. Eunice A., his wife, died December 14, 1827, aged thirty-eight years. The eight children of [7]Eunice Ann Skidmore and Samuel Blackman were as follows:

1. [8]James Blackman [son of Samuel and [7]Eunice Skidmore Blackman] married Hannah Turner. They had the following children:
   (1) [9]Eliza Blackman, who married Henry Stevens of Brookfield, Conn., and had a daughter Hattie and three sons, Charles, James and George.
   (2) [9]Mary Blackman, who married Thaddeus Hollister of Danbury, Conn., and had a daughter, Ella M. Hollister, who married Mr. Tumerell and resides in Danbury, Conn.
   (3) [9]Starr Blackman, who married Elizabeth Lake and had two sons and two daughters, viz.:
      i. [10]Florence Blackman.
      ii. [10]Charles Blackman.
      iii. [10]Eliza Blackman.
      iv. [10]Henry Blackman.
   (4) [9]Margaret Blackman, who married James D. Baldwin of Bethel, Conn., and had the following eight children, namely:

i. [10]Mary Eliza Baldwin, who married W. W. Wheeler; she is deceased.

ii. [10]William D. Baldwin, a merchant at Danbury, Conn. He married Anna A. Monroe.

iii. [10]Louis T. Baldwin, who died unmarried.

iv. [10]Robert J. Baldwin, who married Carrie Gordon of Danbury, Conn.; both are deceased. Their children are: [11]Robert Gordon Baldwin and [11]Hazel Baldwin; both of Danbury.

v. [10]Jennie M. Baldwin, who married W. F. Godfrey. Their daughter is [11]Margaret Godfrey.

vi. [10]John Baldwin, married Lottie Pierce. They have no children.

vii. [10]Dwight D. Baldwin, married Lottie Peet. Their children are [11]Dwight and [11]Dorothy.

viii. [10]Ernest Baldwin, died in infancy.

(5) [9]Cornelia Blackman, who married Clark Jackson of Brookfield (second wife). She had a daughter, [10]Cornelia Jackson, who married W. J. Beehler of Brookfield, Conn. She died at Brookfield. [First wife.]

(6) [9]Caroline Blackman, who married Thomas Bristol of Brookfield, Conn., now of Redding.

(7) [9]Leroy Blackman, who lives in Redding, Conn.

(8) [9]Frances Blackman, who was the first wife of Clark Jackson of Brookfield, Conn., and had a son, [10]Charles, who lives at Hawleyville.

2. [8]Beers Blackman [son of Samuel and [7]Eunice Skidmore Blackman] married Maria Barnum of Bethel, Conn. They had the following children:

(1) [9]Augusta (Mrs. Edwin Short of Bethel), who died in 1908.

(2) [9]Elizabeth.

(3) [9]Lucy, who married George Osborne of Bethel.

(4) [9]Theodore, deceased.

(5) [9]George, of Bethel.

3. [8]Marietta Blackman [daughter of Samuel and [7]Eunice Skidmore Blackman] married Wilson Lyon of Bethel, Conn. Their children are:

(1) [9]Susan Lyon, deceased.

(2) [9]William Lyon, of Bethel.

4. [8]Lacy Blackman [son of Samuel and [7]Eunice Skidmore Blackman] was of Bridgeport, Conn. He died, leaving eight children.

5. [8]Lucy Blackman [daughter of Samuel and [7]Eunice A. Skidmore Blackman] married William Guyer, and lived at Newtown (Hanover) and Bethel, Conn. They had three children:
   (1) [9]Juliet, who married Mr. Burr and had two children:
      i. [10]J. Howard Burr of Danbury, Conn., a merchant, who has a daughter, [11]Louise Burr.
      ii. [10]Juliet Burr-Coltman.
   (2) [9]Esther Guyer, who married Leroy Glover of Bethel, Conn.
   (3) [9]Henry Guyer of Danbury, Conn. He died in 1909. Has a daughter, [10]Annie Guyer.

6. [8]Bennett Blackman [son of Samuel and [7]Eunice Skidmore Blackman] married Miss Shepard of Newtown, Conn. Their children are:
   (1) [9]Susan Blackman, who married first Rockwell Smith, and second Rufus Short of Bethel, Conn., by whom she had a son and daughter.
   (2) [9]John H. Blackman, who married first, Anna Booth, and second, Belle Winton of Zoar. He lives at Sandy Hook, Conn.

7. [8]Clark Blackman [son of Samuel and [7]Eunice Skidmore Blackman] married Sarah Shepard of Newtown, Conn. She died in 1907, aged seventy-seven years. He died in 1908, aged eighty-eight years. Their children are:
   (1) [9]S. Ambrose Blackman, Esq., of Hawleyville, manufacturer and first selectman of Newtown, Conn. He married Anna Barnum. Their three sons are:
      i. [10]Clark Blackman.
      ii. Dr. [10]Claude B. Blackman, who married Clara G. Williams of Brookfield, Conn. Their children are [11]Clara, [11]Samuel Gordon, and [11]Phyllis.
      iii. [10]Frank Blackman.
   (2) [9]Charlotte Blackman [daughter of [8]Clark and Sarah Shepard Blackman] died young.
   (3) [9]Charlotte E. Blackman [daughter of [8]Clark and Sarah Shepard Blackman] married Clark Jackson of Brook-

field, Conn., and had one daughter, [10]Sarah L. Jackson, who married Arthur H. Osmun and resides at Plainfield, N. J.

(4) [9]Augusta Blackman [daughter of [8]Clark and Sarah Shepard Blackman] married Charles Blackman and has one daughter, [10]Lottie E. (Mrs. Frank Ruffels) of Hawleyville.

8. [8]Charlotte Blackman [daughter of Samuel and [7]Eunice Skidmore Blackman] married Stephen Burns, and has two children, viz.: [9]Henry Burns and [9]Charlotte Burns, both of Bridgeport, Conn.

[7]**Mary Ann Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Abel and Bethia Glover Skidmore] married Glover Botsford. They resided at Roxbury, Conn.

[7]**Maria Skidmore** [daughter of [6]Abel Skidmore] married John Lake, Jr. He died in 1837. They lived at Land's End.

[7]**Abel Booth Skidmore** [son of [6]Abel], born in 1805, married Lucy Berry, sister of Eliza. He died in 1849, aged forty-four years.

[7]**John Skidmore** [son of [6]Abel] was born November 4, 1793. He married first, Molly Wheeler. Their children were:

1. [8]**Anne Skidmore.**
2. [8]**Harriet Skidmore.**
3. [8]**Charlotte Skidmore.**

He married second, Betsey Church of Torrington, Conn. Their children were:

4. [8]**Elizabeth M. Skidmore,** born December 3, 1834. She married Samuel Thornhill of De Peyster, N. Y., later of Brookfield, Conn. Their children are: [9]Emma E., who married Charles E. Beers; [9]John S., who married Anna M. Tibbals of New Haven, Conn.; [9]Amelia B., who married George W. Stuart of Newtown, Conn.; [9]Fannie O., who married Charles D. Ferris of Newtown, Conn.
5. [8]**John Romulus Skidmore,** married and had several children. He resided in Chicago, Ill.

[7]**Charles Skidmore** [son of [6]Abel Skidmore] was born August 14, 1808, and died March 27, 1896. He married Mary Fairchild [daughter of Sturges Fairchild]. She died December 28, 1893, aged seventy-seven years. He lived in Lake George District, the "Neck," for some years; was engaged in operating a comb shop, gristmill, and sawmill. [7]Charles Skidmore removed to Newtown Center in later life and died there. He was the last survivor of [6]Abel Skidmore's family.

CHAPTER XXXI.

LIEUT. THOMAS SKIDMORE, JR. [SON OF LIEUT. THOMAS SKIDMORE OF NEWTOWN, CONN.].

Lieut. [5]Thomas Skidmore, Jr. [son of Lieut. [4]Thomas Skidmore, Sr., and Martha], was born in 1731 at Newtown, Conn., and died there, January 21, 1778. He married Cynthia Beers [daughter of John Beers and Sarah Sherman] of Newtown. She survived him and married again; died in 1804.

The record of the distribution of his estate is at Danbury, Conn., from which I take the following:

On November 10, 1779, there was set off to his wife, Cynthia Beers Skidmore, one third of the real and personal property, and the remainder was divided among his sons; [6]James (to whom a double portion was given), [6]Daniel and [6]John; and his daughters, [6]Amy [wife of Eben Sherman], [6]Abiah [wife of Nathan Ferris], [6]Anne [wife of James Bristol] and [6]Zada.

The children of Lieut. [5]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., and Cynthia Beers were:

1. Dr. [6]James Skidmore, married Polly Sherman.
2. [6]Daniel Skidmore, who married Currance Baldwin [daughter of Daniel].
3. [6]John Skidmore, who married Polly Baldwin.
4. [6]Abiah Skidmore, who married Nathan Ferris [son of Abraham].
5. [6]Amy Skidmore, who married Ebenezer Sherman.
6. [6]Anne Skidmore, who married James Bristol.
7. [6]Zada Skidmore, who married Mr. Nash.
8. [6]Mary Skidmore, who married Senton Baldwin [son of Daniel Baldwin].

Dr. [6]James Skidmore [son of Lieut. [5]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., and Cynthia Beers] was born at Newtown, Conn. He married Polly Sher-

man [daughter of Daniel and Mary Sherman]. They had six children, namely:

1. [7]Lucy Skidmore.
2. [7]Philo Skidmore.
3. [7]Zerah Skidmore.
4. [7]Sherman Skidmore.
5. Dr. [7]Rufus Skidmore [son of Dr. [6]James Skidmore] married Jerusha Ferris in 1821. He was graduated from the Vermont Medical School in 1817. He practiced medicine in Newtown until his death, November 10, 1828, at the age of forty years. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Newtown in 1827. His children were:
   (1) [8]Jane Ann Skidmore, born 1822 as per church records. She married Barak Burr of Fairfield, Conn.
   (2) [8]Marietta Skidmore, born 1825, married Alanson Lyon.
   (3) [8]Elizabeth (or Martha) Skidmore, born 1827, married James Johnson.
6. [7]Polly M. Skidmore, who married Lewis Hinman.

[6]**Abiah Skidmore** [daughter of Lieut. [5]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., and Cynthia Beers], married Nathan Ferris. Their children were:

1. [7]Thomas S. Ferris, who had a son, [8]George Ferris, of Monroe, Conn.
2. [7]Abraham Booth Ferris, who married Phebe Ferris [daughter of Samuel].
3. [7]Betsey Ferris, who married Lewis Beers Prindle and had a son, [8]William Beers Prindle.
4. [7]Amy Ferris, who married Samuel B. Lewis of Salem, N. Y.

CHAPTER XXXII.

MARY AND COMFORT SKIDMORE, DAUGHTERS OF LIEUT. THOMAS SKIDMORE, SR.

[5]**Mary Skidmore** [daughter of Lieut. [4]Thomas Skidmore] married Heth Peck [son of Heth 3d] of Newtown, Conn. He was born May 29, 1731. He was a brother of Samuel Peck. They lived one mile north of Newtown Street, Conn.

The children of [5]Mary Skidmore and Heth Peck were:

1. [6]Amos Peck, died unmarried.
2. [6]Elnathan Peck, who lived on his father's homestead. He married first, Jerusha Blackman, second, Sarah Merwin. Died in 1821. His son was [7]Amos G., born 1793; married Eunice Botsford and had a daughter, [8]Charlotte, born in 1829. She died in 1856.

[5]**Comfort Skidmore** [daughter of Lieut. [4]Thomas Skidmore]. Born at Land's End, Newtown, Conn. Married Lieut. Amos Terrill and lived at Newtown. Her sons were:

1. [6]Elijah Terrill.
2. [6]Amos Terrill.

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THE SKIDMORES OF JAMAICA, HEMPSTEAD, FLUSHING AND VICINITY, LONG ISLAND

CHAPTER XXXIII.

SAMUEL SKIDMORE OF JAMAICA, L. I. [SON OF JOHN SKIDMORE OF JAMAICA AND GRANDSON OF THOMAS SKIDMORE, THE PIONEER], AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

SKETCH OF JAMAICA.

Jamaica, L. I., the home of [2]John Skidmore [son of [1]Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer settler] and of many of his posterity, was settled in 1656 by people from Hempstead, L. I., under the leadership of Nathaniel and Daniel Denton, sons of Rev. Richard Denton of Halifax, England, the first minister at Hempstead, L. I.

Nathaniel and Daniel Denton later on assisted in establishing a plantation at Elizabeth, New Jersey, with others from Jamaica.

The first town meeting in Jamaica was held in 1657. The proprietors had previously received a grant of the land from Gov. Peter Stuyvesant, the fourth Dutch governor of New Netherlands.

The First Presbyterian Church, or "Church of the Independents," as it was called, was the earliest religious body in Jamaica. It was organized in 1662, and claims to be the oldest Presbyterian church in the country (but the Presbyterian church at Hempstead makes the same claim). The first minister at Jamaica was the Rev Zechariah Walker. The Presbyterians built their first church edifice in 1663, the second in 1689, the third in 1814. A list of the pastors of this church is given elsewhere in this book. Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut is the present pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and Amos Denton is the clerk of session.

Concerning the Episcopal church at Jamaica, the Rev. Horatio O. Ladd, recent rector of Grace Episcopal parish, tells me that his church is the oldest Episcopal church in the diocese of Long Island, being

spoken of as "The Church of England in Jamaica" in the year 1699. The records of Grace Church have been preserved since 1711. Their first rector was Rev. Patrick Gordon. The Episcopalians built their first church in 1734, in which they worshiped until 1820, when they built their second edifice. The present edifice is a beautiful old brownstone building, ivy covered, standing in the midst of a large churchyard, after the old English custom. On every side are interred the former members of this parish. Some of the stones are of great age, evident from the dates thereon. A walk through this churchyard is most interesting, revealing as it does names well known in the early civil and ecclesiastical life of Jamaica and New York. I noticed many stones bearing the Skidmore name, and other names of their descendants, among the number:

"Susanna Skidmore, wife of John, died February 2, 1804, aged 26."

"Elizabeth Skidmore, wife of John, died December 31, 1859, aged 81 years (born in 1778)."

"John Skidmore, born December 27, 1778, died November 26, 1863, aged 85."

"Abigail Skidmore, wife of Samuel, died February 26, 1825, aged 87 years."

SAMUEL SKIDMORE, 1665-1733, OF JAMAICA, L. I.

[3]Samuel Skidmore [second son of [2]John Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I.] was born about 1665. He married first Susannah ———. He died in 1733, leaving a second wife, Hannah ———, who had previously been married and had children.

The brothers of [3]Samuel Skidmore were [3]John, [3]Thomas and [3]Joseph.

[3]Samuel Skidmore of Jamaica had twelve children, and they were the ancestors of a numerous posterity living on Long Island and New York and in the West.

[3]Samuel Skidmore made a will September 23, 1732. It was proven April 14, 1733, in New York County; see Abstracts of Wills, Vol. I.

Children of [3]Samuel Skidmore were:

1. [4]Thomas Skidmore.
2. [4]John Skidmore of Hempstead, L. I.
3. [4]Samuel Skidmore.
4. [4]Joseph Skidmore of Hempstead, L. I.

5. [4]Andrew Skidmore of Hempstead, L. I.
6. [4]Jeremiah Skidmore [not the ancestor of the coal merchant].
7. [4]Phebe Skidmore, married Thomas Denton.
8. [4]Patience Skidmore, married Thomas Oakley, second, Mr. Cornell.
9. [4]Elizabeth Skidmore, married Peter Nostrand.
10. [4]Abigail Skidmore.
11. [4]Hannah Skidmore.
12. [4]Susannah Skidmore, married Mr. Hendrickson.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

JOHN SKIDMORE [SON OF SAMUEL AND GREAT-GRANDSON OF THOMAS] OF HEMPSTEAD, L. I., AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

[4]**John Skidmore** [son of [3]Samuel and Susannah Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I.] married first, Mary Whitehead on December 17, 1731. Married second, Elizabeth Whitehead in 1745; she was a sister of his first wife, and survived him. He died in 1782.

[4]John Skidmore of Hempstead executed a will on January 3, 1782, which was proven November 4, 1782. He bequeathed to his wife, Elizabeth Whitehead Skidmore, $250 in cash and numerous household goods. To his daughters, Jane Smith and Phebe, wife of Evert Van Nostrand, he gave sums of money; also to his granddaughter Phebe, daughter of his son, John Skidmore.

He names five sons to whom property is devised, namely: Whitehead Skidmore, Daniel Skidmore, John Skidmore, Thomas Skidmore; Samuel Skidmore, deceased.

Children of [4]John Skidmore of Hempstead, L. I.:

1. [5]Jane Skidmore, who married Mr. Smith.
2. [5]John Skidmore, who married Mary Denton November 26, 1763. Vol. 7, pg. 472, Records, Albany, N. Y.
3. [5]Thomas Skidmore, who married Mary Laurence.
4. [5]Daniel Skidmore, who married Jane Acker.
5. [5]Whitehead Skidmore, who married Jane Doubley on June 26, 1764, first wife. Vol. 8, pg. 237, Records, Albany, N. Y.
6. [5]Phebe Skidmore, who married Evert Van Nostrand.
7. [5]Samuel Skidmore, who married Abigail Whitehead [daughter of Benj.] December 20, 1764. Vol. 8, pg. 460, Albany, N. Y.

CHAPTER XXXV.

MAJOR JOHN J. SKIDMORE OF JAMAICA, L. I.

Major [5]John J. Skidmore was the son of [4]John Skidmore of Hempstead, L. I., and grandson of [3]Samuel Skidmore of Jamaica, and great-great-grandson of [1]Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer of 1635.

Major Skidmore was born in 1738 at Hempstead, L. I. He died at Jamaica, L. I., May 7, 1804. He married Mary Denton, a descendant of Rev. Richard Denton of Hempstead, formerly of Halifax, England. She died in 1782-83 at Jamaica. His second wife was Helicke ———, who died August 5, 1801.

Major John J. Skidmore served in the Revolutionary army. In "Documents and Letters to Illustrate Revolutionary Incidents in Queens County," by Henry Onderdonk, Jr., Vol. I., N. Y., 1846, page 36, I find the following: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, inhabitants of the township of Jamaica, do hereby declare that we have associated ourselves as a company of Minute Men, for the defense of American Liberty, and do hereby promise and engage to be obedient to our officers, and subject to the resolutions and directions of the Honorable, the Continental Congress, and of the Provincial Congress of this Colony; and we the non-commissioned officers and privates of said company, have elected the following gentlemen for our commissioned officers, to wit: John Skidmore, Esq., Captain; Jacob Wright, Gent., First Lieutenant; Nicholas Everit, Gent., Second Lieutenant; Ephriam Marston, Gent., Ensign," 1775.

Paragraph 85, same volume, records, "July 26, 1776, a letter from Joseph Robinson and Noah Smith of the Jamaica Committee informs Congress that William Ludlum, Jr., has been chosen Captain of the Minute Company, in place of John Skidmore, promoted to a Majority."

Paragraph 114 records, "J. J. Skidmore went up the North River and returned at the peace, his wife dying in the meantime" (Mary Denton).

"Queen's County in Olden Times, being a supplement to the Several Histories Thereof," by Henry Onderdonk, Jr., A. M., records on page 56, November, 1779, Captain Mitchell's wife came out of the British lines to him at Peekskill, under a flag with Major Skidmore, as a bearer of a letter.

Major John J. Skidmore's will was proven at Jamaica, May 19, 1804, Vol. B., page 205. He mentions his sons, Jeremiah and Michael, and his three daughters.

The children of Major John J. Skidmore were:

1. [6]Luther M. Skidmore, born 1772.
2. [6]Jeremiah Skidmore.
3. [6]Michael Skidmore, born 1775.
4. [6]Joseph Skidmore.
5. [6]Mary Skidmore, who married Peter Hendrickson.
6. [6]Miriam Skidmore, who married Mr. Higbie.
7. [6]Phebe Skidmore, who married Mr. Everit.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

LUTHER MITCHELL SKIDMORE OF MORRIS, NEW YORK.

[6]**Luther M. Skidmore** [son of Major [5]John J. Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I., and Mary Denton] was born February 17, 1772, at Jamaica. He left home after his father's second marriage, and came to Newtown, Conn., where his relatives lived. He was married at Milford, Conn., on December 19, 1792, to Martha Blackman of Newtown, Conn. She was born at Newtown on December 19, 1771, being the daughter of James Blackman and Lucy Hitchcock. Her sisters were:

Huldah, who married Daniel Mills of Morris, N. Y.

Esther, who married Amos Skidmore of Lake George, Newtown, Conn.

Polly, who married Levi Camp.

Eunice, who married John Lacey of Brookfield, Conn.

Lucy, who married Jabez Hurd of Brookfield, Conn.

Her brothers were:

Truman.

James, born in 1766.

Beers.

Samuel.

Luther M. Skidmore and wife removed in 1795 to Butternuts, now the village of Morris, Otsego County, N. Y.

[6]Luther Skidmore became a very extensive land owner in Otsego County and a prominent merchant at the Butternuts. He is remembered in the town of Morris today by several aged persons.

The Butternuts became incorporated as the town of Morris in 1840.

His brother-in-law, James Blackman, went to the Butternuts to reside, and owned a large tract of land adjoining Luther Skidmore's extensive farm.

In 1805 [6]Luther M. Skidmore came to Newtown, Conn., to assist in the settlement of his father-in-law's estate (James Blackman) and on returning he went to New York, where he met his own brother, Joseph Skidmore, for the first time since Luther left his father's home in Jamaica, L. I. His brother Joseph was engaged in the shoe business in New York City.

Luther Skidmore learned then of the death of his father in 1804. (He was not mentioned in his father's will.)

Luther Skidmore and family were communicants of the Episcopal church. His great-granddaughter tells me that the Sabbath day was observed very carefully in this home from sundown Saturday night until Sunday evening. All but religious books were put aside and all members of the family attended the Sabbath services.

The old Episcopal church at Morris is "Zion Church." On June 20, 1901, they celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the first church building in the town. Previous to 1801 services were held in private houses. The first church edifice, constructed in 1801, was called "Harmony" and stood on what is now "The Old Church Burying Ground."

[6]Luther Skidmore died at Morris on March 5, 1843, aged seventy-one years. The wife of [6]Luther M. Skidmore (Martha Blackman) died at Morris on March 21, 1855, aged eighty-three years. They were buried in the "Old Church Burying Ground."

The children of [6]Luther M. and Martha B. Skidmore were:

1. [7]Beers Skidmore, born at Newtown, Conn., in 1793, died there in infancy.
2. [7]Wolcott Skidmore, born at Newtown, Conn., January 19, 1794, married Delia Mallory, and had twelve children.
3. [7]Ira Skidmore, born at Butternuts (Morris), Otsego County, N. Y., October, 1798. He married Lydia Mann and had eight children.
4. [7]Russell Skidmore, born in 1799 at Butternuts, died October 1, 1824, unmarried, aged twenty-five years.

WOLCOTT SKIDMORE.

[7]**Wolcott Skidmore** [second son of [6]Luther M. and Martha Blackman Skidmore of Morris, N. Y.] was born January 19, 1794, at Newtown, Conn., where his parents at first resided, his mother being a native of that town.

He married on November 29, 1818, Delia Mallory at Peterboro, N. Y. She was born August 15, 1801, at Minden, N. Y. [her parents were Eli and M. M. Mallory]. [7]Wolcott Skidmore died at East Toledo, Ohio, on August 27, 1866, aged seventy-two years. His wife died there on May 14, 1889, aged eighty-seven years.

The twelve children of [7]Wolcott Skidmore were as follows:

1. [8]Mary Ursula Skidmore [eldest child of [7]Wolcott and Delia Mallory Skidmore] was born at Siloam, Madison County, N. Y., on November 16, 1819. Her childhood was spent in the home of her grandparents, [6]Luther M. Skidmore and wife, Morris, N. Y. She had the family Bible of her grandparents, which had much data in it. She married for her first husband Uri Jackson of Morris, N. Y., on January 22, 1845. He died there on July 6, 1852. Her second marriage was with Charles Robinson Brown on August 4, 1854, at Unadilla Forks, Otsego County, N. Y. In 1859 the family removed to Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Mr. Brown met with an accident which deprived him of the use of his limbs. He however became a prominent business man at Saratoga Springs, where he died February 24, 1882.

   Mrs. [8]Mary Ursula Skidmore-Brown was a woman of unusual memory, and retained her mental powers to the last, being nearly eighty-six years of age at the time of her death, which took place at Saratoga Springs, October 28, 1906, aged eighty-six years. She had one child:

   [9]**Florence Skidmore Brown** [Mrs. Frederick Menges of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., only child of [8]Mary Ursula Skidmore and Charles Robinson Brown] was born at Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., on May 24, 1858, but in her infancy her parents removed to Saratoga Springs. She married Frederick Menges, Esq., of Saratoga Springs on October 27, 1884. He was born at Saratoga Springs, on October 11, 1855.

   Mrs. [9]Florence Skidmore Brown-Menges is an active worker in Bethesda Episcopal Church, Saratoga Springs, also one of the managers of "Parish House," "Home of the Good Shepherd," and "Study Clubs," and a member of the D. A. R. since 1894. She is one of the four state directors of the New York Federation of Women's Clubs. Her only child is:

[10]Florence Marguerite Menges, born on February 3, 1891. She is a graduate of the Saratoga High School and at present a student at Dana Hall, Wellesley, Mass.

2. [8]Luther Mitchell Skidmore, Jr. [son of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore], was born October 4, 1821, at Siloam, N. Y. He married Delia Vail at Mayville, N. Y., October 15, 1848, or 1847. He died at Chicago Junction, Ohio, December 6, 1896, aged seventy-five years. His wife died on September 15, 1900, aged seventy-six years, seven months.

[8]Luther M. Skidmore, Jr., went west in 1848, locating at St. Clair, Mich. In 1857 he removed to Toledo, Ohio, where he was engaged in the lumber and manufacturing business and became very prosperous; he was also interested in "lake carrying," owning two large schooners.

In 1871 he was one of the organizers of the Adams Street Mission at Toledo, Ohio. He was interested in benevolent and religious work all his life, and his death was the occasion of an impressive memorial service at the Adams Street Mission, Toledo, Ohio, in which many well-known gentlemen participated, who testified to the high character of their associate of twenty years in benevolent work. The children of [8]Luther M., Jr., and Delia Vail Skidmore, are:

(1) [9]Wolcott V. Skidmore, born February 2, 1853, died September 22, 1853.

(2) [9]Willis F. Skidmore, born June 12, 1855, died October 15, 1855.

(3) [9]Russell V. Skidmore, born August 15, 1857, died January 21, 1875.

(4) [9]Wendell P. Skidmore [son of [8]Luther M., Jr., and Delia Vail Skidmore] was born September 30, 1859; married first to Louisa M. Bowers at Toledo, Ohio, on October 13, 1880, by Rev. W. W. Williams. She died at 191 Washington Street, Toledo, on July 10, 1882. Her two infant children died July 9, 1882.

[9]Wendell P. Skidmore was married to his second wife, Jennie L. Edwards, on July 28, 1885, at Toledo, Ohio, by Rev. P. S. Slevin. The infant daughter of Wendell and Jennie Skidmore died July 10, 1886.

[9]Wendell P. Skidmore was married to his third wife, Ida H. Fast, on December 2, 1891, at Chicago Junction, Ohio, by Rev. S. K. Wine.

(5) [9]Edwin Skidmore, born 1865, died 1865.

3. [8]Beers Wolcott Skidmore [son of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore], born November 5, 1823, at Siloam, N. Y. Married at Buffalo, N. Y., Eleaner Thompson. He died at Buffalo, N. Y., on February 1, 1863.

4. [8]Russell Ira Skidmore [son of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore] was born August 1, 1825, at Siloam, N. Y. Married Nettie Raymer on November 22, 1859, at Toledo, Ohio. He died at Toledo, August 25, 1901, aged seventy-six.

   The four children of [8]Russell I. and Nettie R. Skidmore, are:

   (1) [9]William C. Skidmore, who died at Galveston, Texas.

   (2) [9]Nettie B. Skidmore, now living.

   (3) [9]Morton G. Skidmore, who died at Toledo, Ohio.

   (4) [9]Earl C. Skidmore, now living.

5. [8]Ann Louise Skidmore [daughter of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore] was born November 30, 1827, at Siloam, N. Y. She married David Sheldon on November 11, 1847, at Versailles, N. Y. He died August 23, 1857. Their daughter, [9]Winnie Sheldon, died at Toledo, Ohio, July 4, 1862.

6. [8]John C. Skidmore [son of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore] was born June 23, 1830, at Siloam, N. Y. He married Ellen Gould at Buffalo, N. Y.

7. [8]Rush Dix Skidmore [son of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore] was born November 23, 1832, at Hanover, Chautauqua County, N. Y. He married Anna Elizabeth Plitch, San Francisco, Cal.

8. [8]James Blackman Skidmore [son of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore] was born January 4, 1835, at Chautauqua County, N. Y. He married Diantha Hall on September 1, 1861, Morris, Ill.

9. [8]William Wallace Skidmore [son of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore] was born September 25, 1837, in Chautauqua County, N. Y. He married Anna ————; she became the second wife of Russell Ira Skidmore.

10. [8]Elizabeth W. Skidmore [daughter of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore] was born November 12, 1839. She married Von-

dorn Root of Versailles, N. Y., on November 12, 1861. She died August 16, 1880, at Fort Wayne, Ind., aged forty.

11. [8]Charles B. Skidmore [son of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore] was born June 15, 1841, at Versailles, N. Y. Died October 25, 1866, at East Toledo, Ohio, unmarried, aged twenty-five years.

12. [8]Darwin L. Skidmore [son of [7]Wolcott and Delia Skidmore] was born April 22, 1844, at Versailles, N. Y. He married Maggie S. Merrett on June 16, 1870, at St. Louis, Mo. He died February 2, 1899, at St. Louis, aged fifty-four.

IRA SKIDMORE.

[7]**Ira Skidmore** [third son of [6]Luther Mitchell and Martha Blackman Skidmore] was born in October, 1798, at Butternuts (Morris), New York. He married Lydia Mann in June, 1823. She was born March 29, 1804-05.

The eight children of [7]Ira and Lydia Mann Skidmore were:

1. [8]Martha F. Skidmore, born August 12, 1824. She married Samuel Tolles on August 9, 1848. No children. She died 1908.

2. [8]Thomas James Skidmore, born October 8, 1826. He married Marion Johnson in November, 1852. He died in June, 1903. Their daughter, [9]Lydia Olive Skidmore, born on April 8, 1856, married Frank Cook on April 16, 1875. She died May 8, 1875.

3. [8]Samuel M. Skidmore, born July 22, 1830, married first, Antoinette Hewett in January, 1853, by whom he had a daughter (1) [9]Nellie H. Skidmore, born January 29, 1856; and a son (2) [9]Henry H. Skidmore, born October 12, 1859, who married Emma Beaver in March, 1887. They have a son, [10]Samuel Skidmore, born February 14, 1888.

   [8]Samuel M. Skidmore married for his second wife, Alice Roberts, in 1870; she died in 1882, leaving a daughter (3) [9]Maud Skidmore, who married Charles Marshall, July 7, 1896, and has three children: [10]Max, born December 20, 1897, a second son, and a daughter, [10]Maud Alice.

   [8]Samuel M. Skidmore's third wife was Hattie Safford, whom he married May 1, 1884.

4. [8]Frances Delia Skidmore, born July 11, 1834, married Stephen Veasey on September 2, 1854. They have one daughter, [9]Mary Veasey, born March 5, 1870, who married Charles Gardner on August 7, 1895.
5. [8]Henry Hobart Skidmore, born May 26, 1836, married Martha Eaton in April, 1861. He died April 27, 1905. The four children of [8]Henry H. and Martha Eaton Skidmore are:
   (1) [9]**Lillian Frances Skidmore,** born August 27, 1862, married Frank T. Babbitt, June 30, 1886. They have a son, [10]Franklin Skidmore Babbitt, born January 20, 1896.
   (2) [9]**Thomas James Skidmore, Jr.,** born September 21, 1867, Corry, Pa.
   (3) [9]**Marion Jessie Skidmore,** born September 21, 1867, resides at Corry, Pa., twin sister of Thomas J.
   (4) [9]**Edwin W. Skidmore,** born September 26, 1869, died November 30, 1894, unmarried.
6. [8]Oscar William Skidmore, born February 14, 1842, married Sarah Keys on January 3, 1865. He died in March, 1899, without children.
7. [8]Charles Walter Skidmore, born June 8, 1844, married Mary LeRoy. He died in October, 1867, without children.
8. [8]Edwin Skidmore, died in infancy.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

MICHAEL SKIDMORE OF JAMAICA, L. I.

[6]**Michael Skidmore** [son of Major [5]John J. Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I., major of the Minute Men during the Revolutionary War] was born about the year 1775. He lived in Jamaica, L. I. His farm is now in the town of Hollis. He married Jane Oldfield of Jamaica, L. I. Will proven March 20, 1829. Vol. F, page 234. They had a son and a daughter, namely: [7]John Skidmore, and [7]Phebe Skidmore:

1. [7]John Skidmore [son of [6]Michael and Jane Oldfield Skidmore] resided at East Jamaica, L. I. He married Mary Carpenter and had two children, namely:

   (1) [8]George Skidmore, "eldest son" of [7]John and Mary Carpenter Skidmore, was born September 16, 1820. He married Alice Reeve, daughter of Laurens Reeve of Jamaica, L. I.

   [8]George Skidmore and wife resided at Jamaica and had a family of four children, namely:

   i. [9]John Laurens Skidmore [son of [8]George and Alice Reeve Skidmore] died in childhood.

   ii. [9]George Tuthill Skidmore [son of [8]George and Alice Reeve Skidmore] died in childhood.

   iii. [9]Mary Alice Skidmore [daughter of [8]George and Alice Reeve Skidmore] died in childhood.

   iv. [9]Ellsworth Reeve Skidmore [son of [8]George and Alice Reeve Skidmore], born April 14, 1861. He married for his first wife Mabel Brenton of Jamaica, L. I. She died October 18, 1896. He married for his second wife Jeannie A. Williams of "Pentre," Corwen, North Wales, England. They have one child, [10]Alice Reeve Gwandolyn Skidmore, born June 15, 1907. The family reside on Clinton Avenue, Jamaica,

L. I. They are communicants of the First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica.

(2) [8]Charles Skidmore [son of [7]John and Mary Carpenter Skidmore] was born in the year 1823 and died in 1891. He married Margaret P. Ostrander of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they resided at Jamaica, L. I. She was born in 1826, died in 1883. They had one daughter:

[9]Emma A. Skidmore, born in the year 1855. She married Henry M. Haviland [son of Roe Haviland] of Jamaica. They reside on Clinton Avenue, Jamaica, L. I. The children of [9]Emma A. Skidmore and Henry M. Haviland are: [10]Charles Roe Haviland, a lawyer, who died in his twenty-eighth year; [10]Harriet H. Haviland, who married Clifford M. Tappen of Jamaica; [10]Harry E. Haviland; [10]Clarence E. Haviland, who died in his sixth year.

Mrs. Henry M. Haviland and family are communicants of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamaica. Mrs. Haviland tells me that early members of this branch of the Skidmore family are buried at Prospect Street Cemetery, Jamaica.

2. [7]Phebe Skidmore [daughter of [6]Michael Skidmore and Jane Oldfield and sister of [7]John] married Benjamin Bergen of Jamaica, L. I. Their daughter:

(1) [8]Mary Ann Bergen [daughter of [7]Phebe Skidmore and Benjamin Bergen] married Benjamin T. Bergen. The three children of [8]Mary A. and Benjamin T. Bergen are:

i. [9]Cornelius J. Bergen of Jamaica, L. I.

ii. [9]Annie Bergen, who married Charles G. Strang and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

iii. [9]Jacob S. Bergen, who married and left a son, [10]Benjamin J. Bergen, residing at Queens, L. I.

(2) [8]Jacob Bergen [son of [7]Phebe Skidmore and Benjamin Bergen].

[5]**Phebe Skidmore** [daughter of [4]John Skidmore] married Evert Van Nostrand. Had a son:

[6]John Van Nostrand of Foster Meadow, born 1773, died 1867, married Fanny Nostrand.

Children of [6]John and Fanny Van Nostrand were:

1. [7]John Skidmore Van Nostrand, who married Sarah Hendrickson.
2. [7]Robert Van Nostrand, married Patience Oakley.
3. [7]Phebe Van Nostrand, born 1808, died 1891.
4. [7]Sarah Elizabeth Van Nostrand, married Mr. Ludlum.
5. [7]Mary Van Nostrand, born 1817, died 1862.

[5]**Whitehead Skidmore** [son of [4]John] married Jane Doubley in 1764. A second wife may have been Miss Van Nostrand. The children of Whitehead Skidmore were:

1. [6]Jemima Skidmore [daughter of [5]Whitehead Skidmore] was born 1781, died June 17, 1848. Married in 1802 Adam Seabury of Hempstead, L. I. He was a son of Dr. Adam Seabury, and a first cousin of Bishop Seabury of Hempstead. Adam Seabury was born November 21, 1767, died September 24, 1826. Their children were:

   (1) [7]Miriam Peters Seabury [daughter of Adam and [6]Jemima Skidmore Seabury], born December 26, 1802, died August 8, 1882. Married [7]Smith Skidmore [son of Samuel and Martha Hicks Skidmore] on April 14, 1824. Their children are:

   i. [8]John Adam Seabury Skidmore.
   ii. [8]Sarah Jane Skidmore.
   iii. [8]Samuel Robert Skidmore.
   iv. [8]Theodore Smith Skidmore of Hempstead, L. I.

(Also see the Smith-Skidmore Record for next generation, chapter 39.)

   (2) [7]Jane Seabury [daughter of Adam and [6]Jemima Skidmore Seabury], born June 10, 1804, died February 12, 1892. Married Silas Petit.

   (3) [7]John Seabury [son of Adam and [6]Jemima Skidmore Seabury].

   (4) [7]Robert Sands Seabury [son of Adam and [6]Jemima Skidmore Seabury] married Sarah E. Hentz. Their son, [8]Adam Seabury, Esq., is to-day one of the influential and wealthy citizens of Hempstead, L. I.

   (5) [7]John Skidmore Seabury [son of Adam and [6]Jemima Skidmore Seabury], born January 8, 1812, died October 2, 1888. He married Elizabeth Rushmore [daugh-

ter of Thomas Rushmore]. She was born November 24, 1811, died February 3, 1886.

(6) [7]Henry Putnam Seabury [son of Adam and [6]Jemima Skidmore Seabury], born January 28, 1815, died February 13, 1896, unmarried. From "Peter's Lineage."

2. [6]Sarah Skidmore [daughter of [5]Whitehead Skidmore] married for first husband, Mr. Hawkhurst, and for her second husband, Mr. Eldred.
3. [6]Lettie Skidmore [daughter of [5]Whitehead Skidmore].
4. [6]Mary (Polly) Skidmore [daughter of [5]Whitehead Skidmore].
5. [6]John Skidmore [son of Whitehead Skidmore].
6. [6]Whitehead Skidmore, Jr. [son of [5]Whitehead Skidmore].

SAMUEL SKIDMORE OF FLUSHING, L. I., AND HIS DESCENDANTS IN NEW YORK CITY

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

SAMUEL SKIDMORE [GREAT-GRANDSON OF THOMAS I] OF FLUSHING, L. I., AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

SKETCH OF FLUSHING, L. I.

Flushing, Long Island, was settled in 1645. At the first it was called Vlissingen after a town in Holland, afterwards Flushing. The oldest house now standing in Flushing, and the second oldest in the country, is "The Old Bowne House" built in 1661 by John Bowne, who was intimately associated with the history of religious liberty in New York.

He was an Englishman, and a Friend. The house he built on Bowne Avenue, Flushing, in 1661, was for forty years the "meeting place" of the Friends. Here they held their religious services. Governor Stuyvesant forbade these gatherings, and John Bowne was tried for heresy, and taken to Holland in chains. He was brought before the East India Company, and the matter was finally adjusted. He brought back to New York papers which granted religious toleration to all denominations. We are again reminded that Holland was the cradle of liberty. Lord Baltimore had brought such papers to the South, but in the North John Bowne was the pioneer of religious toleration.

The first wife of John Bowne was Hannah Feake (or Feeke), who became a Friend, and was a noted minister of that body. Elizabeth Feake, her mother, married for her first husband a son of Governor Winthrop of Connecticut and upon his death married Robert Feake. Greenwich "Neck" was at the first named "Elizabeth Neck" in her honor, but later called Greenwich. Elizabeth Feake removed to Flushing and at this place her daughter Hannah became the wife of John Bowne.

Miss Cornelia M. Parsons of Flushing is a descendant of John

Bowne, and the old house of 1661 stands on the Parsons estate, and is open for inspection.

Captain John Underhill, the "Indian fighter," was an early settler at Hempstead and Flushing; later he went to Oyster Bay and was made "Sheriff of the North-Riding on Long Island" by Governor Nicholl. He is said to have destroyed hundreds of the Indians of Long Island and Connecticut. He was born in 1596 at Warwickshire, England. His second wife was Elizabeth Feake, sister of Hannah. Captain John Underhill's grave is in the town of Oyster Bay, L. I., on a farm called by him "Kellingworth," which was long owned by his descendants.

SAMUEL SKIDMORE, JR., OF JAMAICA, L. I.

[4]**Samuel Skidmore, Jr.** [called "son of John Skidmore and Elizabeth," but I believe of [3]Samuel of Jamaica] was born in 1709 at Jamaica, died April 13, 1782, at Flushing. Married Mary Gray [daughter of John Gray of Jamaica]. She was born December 20, 1710, died November 27, 1781. Their children were:

1. [5]Mary Skidmore.
2. [5]John Skidmore, born August 1, 1740, married Miss Denton.
3. [5]Samuel Skidmore.
4. [5]Phebe Skidmore.

[5]**Mary Skidmore** [daughter of [4]Samuel and Mary Gray Skidmore] was born November 22, 1734, married first, Ephraim Smith of Flushing. In 1763, when Ephraim Smith made his will, he left to each daughter $500 in money and other gifts. Her children by first marriage were:

1. [6]Mary Smith, who married Mr. Smith and had two children:
   (1) [7]Samuel Skidmore Smith.
   (2) [7]Benjamin Smith.
2. [6]Elizabeth Smith, who married Stephen Herriman, Jr., born 1760.
3. [6]Sarah Smith, unmarried.
4. [6]Skidmore Smith of Jamaica, lived where Normal College now stands.
5. [6]Isaac Smith, lived at Wappinger's Creek, Dutchess County. He had a son, [7]Ephraim Smith.

[5]Mary Skidmore married second, Thomas Denton. Her children by second marriage were:

6. [6]Thomas Denton, born 1772.
7. [6]Nehemiah Denton, born 1773.
8. [6]Samuel Denton, born 1775.
9. [6]Martha Denton, born ————.

SAMUEL SKIDMORE OF JAMAICA—FLUSHING, L. I.

[5]**Samuel Skidmore** [son of [4]Samuel and Mary Gray Skidmore] was born September 28, 1743, died April 29, 1787. Lived at "Fresh Meadows," Flushing, L. I. Married Abigail Whitehead [daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Whitehead] on December 20, 1764; marriage bond Vol. VIII., pg. 460, State Library, Albany, N. Y.; she was born February 12, 1737, and died February 26, 1825. Her father was prosperous and generously provided for her in his will of 1779.* [5]Samuel Skidmore and wife Abigail Whitehead were communicants of Grace Episcopal Church, Jamaica, and are interred in the Grace churchyard, as are many of the Whitehead family.

[5]Samuel Skidmore's will was probated at Jamaica, June 11, 1787. (Liber A, page 6.)

The six children of [5]Samuel and Abigail Whitehead Skidmore were as follows:

1. [6]Willett Skidmore, born October 6, 1765, died December 25, 1851. Married Elizabeth Johnson and resided on a farm about two miles east of Jamaica, L. I. Will proven January 19, 1852. (Vol. V., page 374.) Children were:
   (1) [7]Samuel Skidmore.
   (2) [7]Phebe Skidmore, wife of James Laurence.
2. [6]Samuel Skidmore.

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* Will of Benjamin Whitehead, Jamaica, L. I. Made on June 25, 1779; proven and accepted by Governor Robertson in October, 1780. He mentions his wife, Elizabeth, who received liberal bequests, namely, a life use of a portion of his house which was to be furnished in a genteel way; she received $1,500 in money and the interest on an additional $1,000; she was also given land, and a two-acre piece of ground for the annual growth of Indian corn; she was to receive apples for six barrels of cider, ten barrels of winter apples. She was given her husband's "best riding-chair" and horses, also two cows and pasture for same. Her husband also gave her his negro man "Cato."

To his daughters, viz:

Helena, wife of Thomas Cornell,
Abigail, wife of Samuel Skidmore, born 1737,
Elizabeth, wife of John Cornell,
Sarah, wife of Joseph Horsfield of Jamaica,
Mary, wife of Edward Borden,

he gave $500 each in money and other gifts.

To his sons, Daniel Whitehead and Benjamin Whitehead, he bequeathed land and money, and to Daniel his negro man "Cæsar."

3. [6]Mary Skidmore, who married in 1783 an English officer, Peter Hendrickson, and, so tradition says, was disinherited for so doing.
4. [6]Benjamin Whitehead Skidmore, born January 7, 1771, died October 7, 1776.
5. [6]Ann Whitehead Skidmore, born June 22, 1773, died February 26, 1776.
6. [6]John Skidmore [son of Samuel and Abigail Whitehead Skidmore], born December 27, 1778, died November 26, 1863. Married first, Susannah Tredwell. She was born January 15, 1777, died February 2, 1804. She was a daughter of Samuel Tredwell and a descendant of Thomas and Mary Tredwell, who in 1635 came from London to New England. [6]John Skidmore resided at Union Place, Flushing, L. I. He married second, Elizabeth Allen [daughter of David Allen]. She was born March 20, 1778, died December 31, 1859. [6]John Skidmore and both wives are interred in Grace churchyard, Jamaica, L. I. He was warden in Grace Episcopal Church.

   The children of [6]John Skidmore and first wife, Susannah Tredwell, were:

   (1) [7]Samuel Tredwell Skidmore, Sr.

   (2) [7]James Henderson Skidmore.

   The child of [6]John Skidmore and second wife, Elizabeth Allen, was:

   (3) [7]David William Skidmore.

1. SAMUEL TREDWELL SKIDMORE, SR., OF NEW YORK CITY.

[7]**Samuel Tredwell Skidmore, Sr.** [son of [6]John and Susannah Tredwell Skidmore], born January 7, 1801, died November 8, 1881. Engaged in the wholesale drug business in New York City, retired in 1850; was president of Howard Insurance Company of New York; also trustee of the United States Trust Company. He was vestryman in Trinity Church, New York City, from 1848 to 1874 and senior warden of Trinity Church from 1874 to 1880, and again vestryman in 1881. His residence was in New York City.

He married Angelina E. Drake on December 15, 1829. She was daughter of John and Magdalen Guion Drake and was born June 16, 1810, died December 30, 1886.

Samuel Tredwell Skidmore, Sr.

New York City

Vestryman, and Warden of Trinity Church, 1848-1881

The eight children of [7]Samuel Tredwell Skidmore and Angelina E. Drake were as follows:

1. [8]John Drake Skidmore, born October 11, 1830, died November 15, 1903.
2. [8]Benjamin Drake Skidmore, born January 28, 1833, died October 11, 1866.
3. [8]Samuel Wilkins Skidmore, born August 31, 1834, died September 21, 1834.
4. [8]Caroline Townsend Skidmore, born November 8, 1835, died January 3, 1838.
5. [8]James Henderson Skidmore, born January 28, 1838, died March 20, 1894.
6. [8]William Robert Skidmore, born June 3, 1841, died May 26, 1872.
7. [8]Angelina Skidmore, born March 6, 1847, died November 9, 1847.
8. [8]Edward Skidmore, born February 4, 1849, died ————.

1. [8]John Drake Skidmore [son of [7]Samuel Tredwell and Angelina Drake Skidmore], born October 11, 1830, died November 15, 1903. He was a lawyer in New York City. He married on June 6, 1861, Elizabeth Newton Wetmore [daughter of Prosper M. and Lucy A. Wetmore]. She was born May 8, 1837, died February 15, 1871.

   The two sons of [8]John Drake and Elizabeth Wetmore Skidmore are:

   (1) [9]William Robert Skidmore, Jr., born September 1, 1862, died January 2, 1893.

   (2) [9]Samuel Tredwell Skidmore, Jr., born July 10, 1866. Mr. [9]Skidmore studied architecture but is not now engaged in business. His residence is "Winterhaven," Lakewood, N. J.

   [9]Samuel Tredwell Skidmore married on January 15, 1908, Judith Wilcox Dousman [daughter of Hercules Louis and Nina Sturges Dousman]. Their only child is:

   [10]Nina Sturges Skidmore, born November 25, 1908.

2. [8]Benjamin Drake Skidmore [son of [7]Samuel Tredwell and Angelina Drake Skidmore], born January 28, 1833 (Trinity Church Records, N. Y.), died October 11, 1866, interred at Greenwood. Married Augusta Wood McMullen on Octo-

ber 12, 1865. Their daughter, [9]Angelina Drake Skidmore, married Harold Comport.

3. [8]Samuel Wilkins Skidmore, born August 31, 1834, died September 21, 1834.
4. [8]Caroline Townshend Skidmore, born November 8, 1835, died January 3, 1838.
5. [8]James Henderson Skidmore [son of [7]Samuel Tredwell and Angelina Drake Skidmore], born January 28, 1838; baptized February 18, 1838, by Rev. William Berrian, D. D., rector of Trinity Church, New York City. (Vol. 2, page 205.) He entered mercantile business and later was engaged in real estate business. On March 9, 1874, he married Louisa Greer [daughter of John Isaac and Mary S. Greer]. He died March 20, 1894. Mrs. Skidmore now resides at Milton-on-Hudson, N. Y. [8]James Henderson Skidmore had an uncle, [7]James Henderson Skidmore of Great Neck, L. I. Also a cousin of the same name.

   The six children of [8]James H. and Louisa G. Skidmore are:

   (1) [9]Charles A. Skidmore, born August 8, 1875, at Milton, N. Y. He was a graduate of Cornell University, New York. He was appointed assistant district attorney of New York County, under District Attorney Asa Bird Gardner, and held the same position under his successor, District Attorney Eugene A. Philbin. [9]Charles A. Skidmore married Grace Richards of New York City on June 3, 1903. He died January 26, 1904.

   (2) [9]Louisa Suydam Skidmore, born in Newark, N. J., December 21, 1876; married Dr. Stephen Hirchfeld of Bremen on August 11, 1909, and resides there.

   (3) [9]John J. Skidmore, born July 5, 1878, Morristown, N. J., died in 1881.

   (4) [9]Edith Drake Skidmore, born June 22, 1880, New York City.

   (5) [9]Caroline Skidmore, born October 11, 1882, New York City.

   (6) [9]Richard Skidmore, born February 6, 1883, Rye, N. Y., died February 8, 1883.

6. [8]William Robert Skidmore [son of [7]Samuel T. and Angelina

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"Winterhaven," Lakewood, N. J.

D. Skidmore], born June 3, 1841, baptized June 23, 1841, by Rev. J. M. Wainright, D. D. (Trinity Church Records, Vol. 2, page 240), died May 26, 1872, unmarried, interred at Greenwood (Vol. 2, page 479, Church Record).

7. [8]Angelina Skidmore, born March 6, 1847, died November 9, 1847 [daughter of [7]Samuel T. and Angelina D. Skidmore].

8. [8]Edward Skidmore [son of [7]Samuel Tredwell and Angelina Drake Skidmore], born February 4, 1849, baptized June 23, 1849, by Rev. William Berrian, D. D., rector of Trinity Church, New York City (Vol. 2, page 353), married on February 24, 1881, Mary Anne Read of New York, by Rev. C. E. Swope, D. D., in Trinity Chapel (Vol. 2, page 598). Their children are:

   (1) [9]Edward Skidmore, Jr., died February 10, 1883, aged two months, ten days, interred at Greenwood. (Trinity Church Records, Vol. 2, page 563.)

   (2) [9]Thornton Skidmore.

   (3) [9]Arba Skidmore.

2. JAMES HENDERSON SKIDMORE OF GREAT NECK, L. I.

[7]**James Henderson Skidmore** [son of [6]John and Susannah Tredwell Skidmore], born March 4, 1802, died January 2, 1887. Married first, Susannah Peters Hewlett on September 17, 1826. No issue. Married second, Mary A. Hewlett on April 27, 1835, sister of his first wife and both daughters of Whitehead Hewlett of Great Neck, L. I. (Their sister, Sarah M. Hewlett, married Joshua H. Van Wyck, whose daughter, Anne Van Wyck, compiled the Van Wyck Genealogy and Collaterals.)

[7]James Henderson Skidmore resided at Great Neck, L. I., on the "Hewlett Homestead," and his eight children were born there. He was warden of Christ Church, Manhasset, L. I. Will proven at Jamaica, January 17, 1887.

The children of [7]James Henderson Skidmore and Mary A. Hewlett of Great Neck, L. I., were as follows:

1. [8]Susannah Hewlett Skidmore [daughter of [7]James and Mary Hewlett Skidmore] was born July 29, 1836, died December 14, 1903. She married in 1859, John Townsend Willis of Roslyn, L. I. He died February 3, 1904. Their only daughter:

[9]Caroline Skidmore Willis, was born July 1, 1860. She married Walter Jones Hewlett on May 5, 1908. They reside at Cold Spring Harbor, L. I.

2. [8]Samuel Tredwell Skidmore [son of [7]James and Mary A. Hewlett Skidmore] was born April 17, 1839, Great Neck, L. I. He died March 13, 1897. He married Rose Antoinette Messenger [daughter of Henry] of Brooklyn, N. Y., June 2, 1870. Their two children were:
   (1) [9]Samuel Tredwell Skidmore, deceased.
   (2) [9]Elizabeth Messenger Skidmore, who married D. Edgar Smith.
3. [8]Mary Jane Skidmore [daughter of [7]James and Mary A. Hewlett Skidmore] was born August 22, 1841, Great Neck, died May 20, 1897. She married on October 15, 1873, Frederick Keble Edwards [son of Rev. Edward F. Edwards]. He died August 6, 1887. Their three children were:
   (1) [9]Mary Hewlett Edwards of New York City.
   (2) [9]Anna Cushney Edwards of New York City.
   (3) [9]Frederick James Edwards, deceased in infancy.
4. [8]Sarah Marie Skidmore [daughter of [7]James and Mary A. Hewlett Skidmore] was born September 6, 1844, Great Neck. She married Daniel Rea Porter, M. D., on October 15, 1869. Dr. Porter was a practicing physician at Manhasset, L. I. He died August 13, 1888, and is interred in the churchyard. Lived opposite the church. Mrs. [8]Daniel Rea Porter resides in Lexington, Mass. Their four children were:
   (1) [9]Elizabeth Langdon Porter, deceased.
   (2) [9]George Rea Porter, deceased.
   (3) [9]Mary H. Porter, who married George E. Stone and resides at Lexington, Mass.
   (4) [9]James Skidmore Porter, who married Gertrude Donnelly.
5. [8]George Whitehead Skidmore [son of [7]James and Mary A. Hewlett Skidmore] was born September 4, 1848, at the Hewlett Homestead, Great Neck. He married Josephine De Latour [daughter of Albert] on November 17, 1870. Their children were:
   (1) [9]George Skidmore, deceased.

(2) [9]Albert Skidmore, married Jennie Spense, and has a daughter, Grace N. Skidmore.

(3) [9]John Skidmore, deceased.

(4) [9]George Skidmore, married Frederica A. Sampson.

6. [8]Caroline Skidmore [daughter of [7]James and Mary A. Hewlett Skidmore] was born at Great Neck, September 21, 1850, deceased in infancy.

7. [8]James Henderson Skidmore, Jr. [son of [7]James and Mary A. Hewlett Skidmore], was born October 29, 1854, Great Neck. He was drowned at the burning of the Seawanhaka in Hell Gate, New York, June 28, 1880, unmarried.

8. [8]Charles P. Skidmore [son of [7]James and Mary A. Hewlett Skidmore], born July 23, 1857, Great Neck, died December 3, 1867.

3. DAVID WILLIAM SKIDMORE OF JAMAICA, L. I.

[7]**David William Skidmore** [son of [6]John and second wife, Elizabeth Allen Skidmore] was born March 28, 1808, Jamaica, L. I., and died there. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church, Jamaica, and is buried in that churchyard (east side).

He married first, Elizabeth Ward, and for his second wife, Mary Smith [daughter of Timothy]. No issue.

The son of [7]David William Skidmore and Elizabeth Ward, his first wife, was:

1. [8]William Allen Skidmore, born April 6, 1836. He married Maria Hewlett Woolley of Jamaica, L. I. They resided at Jamaica. They were members of Grace Episcopal Church and are interred in that churchyard. The two daughters of [8]William Allen Skidmore and Maria, his wife, are:

   (1) [9]Elizabeth Ward Skidmore, born January 13, 1880. She married Harry A. Foster, D. D. S., Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1909.

   (2) [9]Emily W. Skidmore, born March, 1883.

PHEBE SKIDMORE [MRS. HENDRICK SUYDAM OF NEW YORK], AND HER FAMILY OF DISTINGUISHED MERCHANT SONS AND SONS-IN-LAW.

[5]**Phebe Skidmore** [daughter of [4]Samuel and Mary Gray Skidmore] was born January 7, 1745, and died April 11, 1832. She married on August 3, 1769 or 1770, Hendrick Suydam of New York, being his

third wife, and the mother of all but one of his thirteen children. Several of her sons became distinguished merchants in New York City. Her husband, Hendrick Suydam [a son of John Suydam], was born in 1736, and died February 9, 1818. He removed to Hallett's Cove, Long Island, previous to the Revolutionary War. This spot is now Astoria, between College Point and Flushing. He was an elder in the Dutch Church.

Hendrick Suydam, by his first marriage, had a son:

1. **John Suydam,** born May 14, 1763, who married Jane Mesier of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1800, and amassed a fortune, leaving the following children: Maria, Henry, Peter, Letitia, Eliza, David, James, Jane and John.

Children of Hendrick Suydam and [5]Phebe Skidmore:

2. [6]**Letitia Suydam,** born September 30, 1771. She married Captain Peter Manifold.
3. [6]**Samuel Suydam,** born May 21, 1773, died Setember 23, 1797.
4. [6]**Jane Suydam,** born March 9, 1776, married Isaac Heyer*, a distinguished merchant. He died April 6, 1827.
5. [6]**Hendrick Suydam,** born March 22, 1779, married Jane [daughter of William Lawrence].
6. [6]**Mary Suydam,** born September 5, 1780, married Henry Whitney first, married Adrian Van Sinderen second.
7. [6]**Harriet Suydam,** born September 1, 1782, Hallett's Cove, L. I., died May 12, 1860, at 7 Bowling Green, N. Y. She married August, 1803, Stephen Whitney, merchant, of New York, who was born September 14, 1776, at Derby, Conn. He died February 16, 1860, at Bowling Green, N. Y. They had a daughter:

   [7]Caroline Whitney, born June 11, 1820. She married first, Ferdinand Suydam, on November 3, 1841. Married second, John J. Crane, M. D., October 29, 1874, resided in New York City.
8. [6]**Richard Suydam,** born August 4, 1784, married Rachel E. Henderson.
9. [6]**Ferdinand Suydam,** born September 13, 1786, was a merchant in New York City, "Suydam, Sage & Company." He

* Isaac Heyer was a hardware merchant at 234 Pearl Street, New York City, for many years. He was a member of the following firms: Suydam & Heyer, 1795; Heyer & Rankin, 1815; Heyer & Black, 1825.

died at Buffalo, N. Y., March 23, 1851. He married Eliza, daughter of Anthony L. Underhill; she was born in 1788, Dey Street, N. Y., and died in July, 1843, Bowling Green, New York City. They had a son:

[7]Ferdinand Suydam, born February 14, 1816, died June 25, 1872.

10. [6]**James Suydam,** born in 1788, lived on the paternal estate at Hallett's Cove; married.

ANDREW SKIDMORE OF HEMPSTEAD, L. I. [GREAT-GRANDSON OF THOMAS I], AND HIS SISTERS, PHEBE AND PATIENCE SKIDMORE.

[4]**Andrew Skidmore** [son of [3]Samuel Skidmore of Jamaica] married Abigail. He died in 1774.

Andrew Skidmore of Hempstead executed a will June 17, 1774. Will was proven October 15, 1774. To wife Abigail he gave household goods and home and $500 in cash, besides the use of $1,000.

To his son, Andrew Skidmore, he bequeathed $500 in money.

To his three daughters, Phebe, wife of William Golder; Mary, wife of William Everett, and Abigail Skidmore, he left a portion of his estate; also to his grandson, Andrew Golder.

Children of [4]Andrew and Abigail Skidmore were:

1. [5]Andrew Skidmore.
2. [5]Phebe Skidmore, married William Golder.
3. [5]Mary Skidmore, married William Everett.
4. [5]Abigail Skidmore.

[4]**Phebe Skidmore** [daughter of [3]Samuel of Jamaica] married Thomas Denton of Jamaica, L. I., a blacksmith. He made a will in 1777, his executors being his brother, Amos Denton, and his brothers-in-law, John Scidmore and Samuel Scidmore, Jr.

Thomas Denton mentions in his will a daughter, [5]Martha Denton, and three sons, probably children of his second marriage with Mary Skidmore.

1. [5]Thomas Denton.
2. [5]Nehemiah Denton.
3. [5]Samuel Denton.

[4]**Patience Skidmore** [daughter of [3]Samuel Skidmore and second wife, Hannah] married first, Thomas Oakley of Huntington, L. I. Their children were:

[5]Thomas Oakley.
[5]Samuel Oakley.
[5]John Oakley.
[5]Israel Oakley.
[5]Jesse Oakley.
[5]Wilmot Oakley.
[5]Phebe Oldfield.

Thomas Oakley made his will in 1760, at which date his wife and children were living.

[4]Patience Skidmore-Oakley married for her second husband [4]John Cornell, Jr., of Hempstead in 1766 (called also Cornwall). [4]John Cornell, Jr. (son of [3]William Cornell), was born about 1700 and died 1773. His first wife was Abigail Whitehead, who died in 1762. John Cornell owned land at Far Rockaway, and Foster Meadow near Hempstead. He was one of the petitioners for a charter of St. George's Church, Hempstead, in 1735. After his marriage with Patience Skidmore-Oakley he lived at Huntington. He owned considerable estate, and three slaves. His will was proven in 1773, and read as follows:

"To my wife the Horse and chear and the littel wheal, and after her death the Chear I give to John Oakley and half the Linen that has bin made hear in Huntin. To son William silver tankard and £50. To daughter Elizabeth Horsfield the use of £200. To son John £200 out of the money he owes me. To son Thomas £300. To Sylvester the income of £50. To granddaughter Elizabeth (daughter of Daniel, deceased) a bed, etc. To granddaughter Abigail (daughter of John) a bed, etc. Real estate to be sold. All children to pay toward maintaining my old Slaves."

Executors were: son William and loving cousin John Skidmore (probably brother of his wife). From record of Rev. John Cornell.

Children of [4]John Cornell by first wife were:

1. [5]William, baptized 1725, died 1798, married Miriam Mott.
2. [5]Daniel, baptized 1727, died 1803, married Charity Valentine.
3. [5]Mary, baptized 1728.
4. [5]Elizabeth, born 1729, married Israel Horsfield.
5. [5]Whitehead, born 1731, died 1810, married first, Margaret Sebring, second, Phebe Thorne.
6. [5]Thomas, baptized 1737.
7. [5]John, baptized 1739, married Elizabeth Whitehead.
8. [5]Sylvester, baptized 1743, died 1799.

9. [5]Thomas, baptized 1745, died 1824, married Elizabeth Thurston.

[4]Elizabeth Skidmore [daughter of [3]Samuel of Jamaica.].

[4]Abigail Skidmore [daughter of [3]Samuel of Jamaica].

[4]Hannah Skidmore [daughter of [3]Samuel of Jamaica].

[4]Susannah Skidmore [daughter of [3]Samuel of Jamaica].

Of these last four daughters of [3]Samuel I have no record.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

JOSEPH SKIDMORE [SON OF SAMUEL, AND GREAT-GRANDSON OF THOMAS I] OF HEMPSTEAD, L. I., AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

SKETCH OF HEMPSTEAD, L. I.

Hempstead was settled by English emigrants in 1644. They came by way of the Massachusetts and Connecticut colonies across the sound from Stamford, Conn. Rev. Richard Denton accompanied the settlers, and became the first minister at Hempstead. The settlers at Hempstead obtained a patent from the Dutch Governor on November 16, 1644, "To erect a towne about seven Dutch miles from New York, and to erect a Stockade and Church."

Rev. Richard Denton, the first minister at Hempstead, was born in England, and left his church in Halifax in 1630 and came to America. He first went to Connecticut and founded a settlement at Wethersfield in 1635, and later came to Hempstead with the settlers and remained their pastor until 1659, when he returned to England. The Presbyterian, or Independent Church, was the one over which Mr. Denton was pastor: it is known as "Christ's First Presbyterian Church" and was organized in 1644. It claims to be the oldest Presbyterian church in America.

The Presbyterians built their first house of worship in 1645-48. It had a stockade. In 1679 they built another church a few rods from the present position of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hempstead, and a parsonage which stood where the rectory of St. George's Church is now. As soon as the English gained possession of Long Island they took steps to establish their form of worship in all churches.

The Presbyterians were deprived, therefore, of their church property by royal edict and although hotly disputing the right of the Church of England to their church and property, they were unable to recover the same, and built another house of worship in 1716. In 1762

they again built; this church was taken by the British during the Revolutionary War and converted into a storehouse. (The churches of the Independents, or Dissenters as they were called, fared very poorly during the Revolutionary period.)

The Presbyterians erected another church in 1804 and in 1825 enlarged the same. Quite recently it has been remodeled and a fine chapel built. The writer spent a delightful Sabbath morning in this church in the fall of 1909. The records of the church were destroyed by fire in 1803.

St. George's Episcopal Church at Hempstead, L. I., was organized in the year 1690. In 1735 King George II. gave it a "Royal Charter of Incorporation," which incorporated the freeholders and inhabitants of Hempstead (who were in communion with the Church of England) a parish, styled "St. George's Church, Hempstead." There were also granted to the society, the church then built in the town and one half acre of land, also three acres of land where the parsonage stood. This is the site of St. George's rectory, built in 1793, and of the new parish house.

The present church edifice of St. George's Parish, erected in 1822, is a quaint building standing in the large churchyard where so many of the ancient and honorable families of Hempstead are interred. A chapel is in the same yard, the property being enclosed by a substantial iron fence.

The interior of this church has been restored along Colonial lines in simple and beautiful designs. Historical tablets adorn the walls, the Royal Charter of 1735, the prayer-book and the communion service presented by Queen Anne are among the heirlooms of this church.

The old rectory built in 1793 is still standing in the midst of ample grounds. Here was born in 1848 the great railroad builder, Mr. E. H. Harriman, during his father's rectorship of St. George's Church. In the same yard is the parish house which members of the Harriman family assisted in building.

Among the well-known names connected with this church are those of August Belmont, banker, who is one of its wardens. August, Perry and the late O. H. P. Belmont are the grandsons of Commodore O. H. Perry, hero of Lake Erie in the War of 1812.

Among the many extensive estates in Hempstead, L. I., is "Brookholt," with its nearly 400 acres, the home of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, president of the "Political Equality League," New York.

At Roslyn is the estate of Mrs. Clarence Mackay, president of

the Equal Franchise Society. Both of these well-known women are aiding the cause of humanity along their chosen lines.

JOSEPH SKIDMORE OF HEMPSTEAD, L. I., AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

[4]**Joseph Skidmore** [son of [3]Samuel Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I., grandson of [2]John Skidmore of Jamaica, and great-grandson of [1]Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer, who came from England in 1635], was born in Jamaica, April 12, 1712. His brothers were Thomas, John, Samuel, Andrew and Jeremiah. His sisters were Phebe, Patience, Elizabeth, Abigail and Hannah.

[4]Joseph Skidmore married Mary ———. She was born September 25, 1716. Joseph Skidmore was the miller at Hempstead. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, for years, the Presbyterian Church at Hempstead having irregular services.

His will, dated September 8, 1779, was proven at New York, March 16, 1784 (Liber 36, page 454). He made bequests to his wife, Mary; to his daughter, Mary Skidmore, and to his sons, Walter, Joseph, Nathan, and to the daughter of his deceased son, Samuel (Susannah Skidmore); and to the children of his son Nathan, namely: Samuel, Walter, William and Simon Potter.

The children of [4]Joseph and Mary Skidmore of Hempstead were:

1. [5]Samuel Skidmore, born December 3, 1735.
2. [5]Nathan Skidmore, born July 5, 1738.
3. [5]Susannah Skidmore, born March 4, 1741/42.
4. [5]Walter Skidmore, born June 26, 1744.
5. [5]Joseph Skidmore, born April 20, 1747.
6. [5]Mary Skidmore, born March 1, 1751/52.

(Presbyterian Church Records, Jamaica.)

[5]**Samuel Skidmore** [son of [4]Joseph and Mary Skidmore of Hempstead], born December 3, 1735, died in 1762. He married Jane Peters [daughter of Charles Peters]. His will, made September 24, 1762, was proven November 2, 1762. He made bequests to wife, Jane; to daughter, Susannah Skidmore (who married Daniel Lefferts in 1782); and he mentions his brothers, [5]Nathan, [5]Walter, [5]Joseph and his sister, [5]Mary Skidmore.

NATHAN SKIDMORE OF HEMPSTEAD, L. I. [VALLEY STREAM].

[5]**Nathan Skidmore** [son of [4]Joseph and Mary Skidmore of Hempstead, L. I.] was born July 5, 1738, in Hempstead, died about 1787 or

earlier. (He was a grandson of [3]Samuel Skidmore of Jamaica, and great-great-grandson of [1]Thomas Skidmore, the pioneer, of 1635.) On November 5, 1765, [5]Nathan Skidmore married Sarah Smith [daughter of Samuel Smith of Huntington, L. I.]. Her brothers were: Nathaniel, Daniel, Samuel and David. Her sisters were: Esther Fleet, Martha Mills, Elizabeth Ireland and Anne Smith.

According to the records at the surrogate's office, Jamaica, [5]Nathan Skidmore died intestate, letters of administration being given July 11, 1787 (Liber A, page 3). His wife, Sarah Skidmore; his son, [6]Samuel, and his brothers, [5]Walter and [5]Joseph, are named in the record.

The children of [5]Nathan and Sarah Smith Skidmore of Hempstead were:

1. [6]Samuel Skidmore [son of [5]Nathan and Sarah Smith Skidmore], born November 19, 1766, died January, 1828. Married Martha Hicks [daughter of Jennie Smith and Samuel Hicks]. Their children were:

   (1) [7]Stephen Hicks Skidmore [son of [6]Samuel and Martha Hicks Skidmore] was born September 3, 1787. He married Elizabeth Golder. Their children were:

   i. [8]Abraham Skidmore [son of [7]Stephen and Elizabeth Golder Skidmore] married first, Miss Hendrickson, second, Miss Jones. He had two sons, namely:

   (i.) [9]David Skidmore, who married Miss Snedeker, and afterward Miss Smith, and had [10]Mary and [10]Jennie.

   (ii.) [9]John Skidmore, who had [10]Sarah and [10]Ada.

   ii. [8]Hicks Skidmore [son of [7]Stephen and Elizabeth Golder Skidmore] married Miss Hendrickson; they had a son, [9]Charles Skidmore, who married and had [10]Minnie, [10]Fannie, [10]Ella, [10]William and [10]Fred.

   iii. [8]Samuel Skidmore [son of [7]Stephen and Elizabeth Golder Skidmore] married Miss Phraner; their children were: [9]Emma, [9]George and [9]Ruth.

   iv. [8]Martha Skidmore [daughter of [7]Stephen and Elizabeth Golder Skidmore] married Mr. Hendrickson.

   v. [8]John Wesley Skidmore [son of [7]Stephen and Elizabeth Golder Skidmore] married Ruth Gildersleeve. Their four children are:

(i.) [9]Malbone Gildersleeve Skidmore, who married Miss Raynor. Their son, [10]Loren Raynor Skidmore, married Edna K. MacDougall and has two children: [11]Edna L. Skidmore and [11]David H. Skidmore.

(ii.) [9]Martha Elizabeth Skidmore.

(iii.) [9]Mary Ada Skidmore.

(iv.) [9]Emma Matilda Skidmore, who married William H. S. Smith and has children: [10]Eloise Smith, [10]Emma Smith, [10]William Smith. Mrs. [9]Emma M. Skidmore Smith resides on Greenwich Street, Hempstead, L. I.

(2) [7]Elizabeth Skidmore [daughter of [6]Samuel and Martha Hicks Skidmore], born December 4, 1790. She married Stephen Johnson. They resided in Hempstead, L. I. The children of [7]Elizabeth Skidmore and Stephen Johnson were:

i. [8]Francis Asbury Johnson, who married Celeste Story; they have no children.

ii. [8]Rev. Samuel F. Johnson, who married Mary Smith and had the following four children:

(i.) [9]Wilbur F. Johnson, who married Emilie Vernon.

(ii.) [9]Harriet E. Johnson, who married Rev. William A. Layton.

(iii.) [9]Samuel Francis Johnson, who married Mary Wallace and has a son, [10]Wilber Wallace Johnson.

(iv.) [9]Arthur Hewitt Johnson, who married Gertrude Frances and has [10]Frances and [10]Harriet.

iii. [8]Sarah Elizabeth Johnson [daughter of Elizabeth Skidmore and Stephen Johnson], unmarried.

(3) [7]Smith Skidmore [son of [6]Samuel and Martha Hicks Skidmore] was born November 1, 1802, and died August 1, 1880. He married Miriam P. Seabury [daughter of Jemima Skidmore and Adam Seabury] of Hempstead, on April 14, 1824. Their four children are:

i. [8]John Adam Seabury Skidmore [son of [7]Smith and Miriam Seabury Skidmore], born May 7, 1825, married Amelia Rhodes. Their children are:

(i.) [9]Charles F. Skidmore, who married Miss Simonson and had daughter, [10]Mabel.
(ii.) [9]Jane Skidmore who was twice married, first to Mr. Smith.
(iii.) [9]Edgar R. Skidmore.
(iv.) [9]Emma A. Skidmore (Mrs. John Hilton of Hempstead).
(v.) [9]Eugene D. Skidmore.
(vi.) [9]Warren B. Skidmore, who has seven children.
(vii.) [9]Marsden Skidmore, born 1852, who married Emily Williams and has the following children: [10]Maude, [10]Mabel, [10]Flora, [10]Arthur, [10]Perry and [10]Howard.

ii. [8]Sarah Jane Skidmore [daughter of [7]Smith and Miriam Seabury Skidmore] was born July 3, 1828. She married William Higbie. Their children are: [9]Frank, [9]William, [9]Elizabeth, [9]John, [9]Annie.

iii. [8]Samuel Robert Skidmore [son of [7]Smith and Miriam Seabury Skidmore] was born December 14, 1831. He married Mary Ann Reid. Their children were:
(i.) [9]Frank (deceased).
(ii.) [9]Harry (deceased).
(iii.) [9]George Skidmore, who resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.
(iv.) [9]Mary Skidmore of Brooklyn, N. Y.

iv. [8]Theodore Smith Skidmore [son of [7]Smith and Miriam Seabury Skidmore] was born April 27, 1842. He married Eudora Isabel Marsh. They reside at Hempstead, L. I. The children of [8]Theodore S. and Eudora Marsh Skidmore are:
(i.) [9]Miriam Seabury Skidmore, supervisor of methods and training in Normal School, Willimantic, Conn., and a graduate of Geneseo Normal School, Geneseo, N. Y.
(ii.) [9]Carrie Isabel Skidmore, who married George E. Smith of Bayport, L. I. Their children are: [10]Eudora Isabel, [10]George C. Alden and [10]Hilda Elizabeth.
(iii.) [9]Henry Seabury Skidmore, D. D. S., who married Elizabeth F. Longenecker, Rockville Center,

L. I. Their children are: [10]Katherine Eloise Skidmore, [10]David Kenneth Skidmore, [10]Marjorie May Skidmore, [10]John Alden Skidmore.

(iv.) [9]Harriet Marsh Skidmore, who married Horatio Stonier, Jr., Morristown, N. J.

(v.) [9]Theodore Alden Skidmore of Hempstead, L. I., accomplished organist of Christ's First Presbyterian Church, Hempstead, L. I., and with the H. B. Claflin Company, New York City.

2. [6]**Mary Skidmore** [daughter of [5]Nathan and Sarah Smith Skidmore] was baptized March 18, 1777, at Jamaica Presbyterian Church; she married Nathaniel Wright. Their children were:
   (1) [7]Joseph Wright.
   (2) [7]Benjamin Wright. His children were:
      [8]Elizabeth Wright.
      [8]Martha Wright.
      [8]Margaret Wright.
      [8]Emma Wright.
      [8]James Wright.
      [8]John Wright.
      [8]Benjamin Wright.
      [8]Joseph Wright.
      [8]Mary Wright, who married Mr. Meyers.
3. [6]**Walter** (named in grandfather's will in 1779).
4. [6]**William** (named in grandfather's will in 1779. Married Mary Smith, July 25, 1795). Church records.
5. [6]**Simon Potter.** While it is claimed that Simon Potter was a son of Nathan Skidmore, I have found no proof of it, except the reference in will of [4]Joseph Skidmore. One authority called him the "son of Nathan's sister Susanna who married a Mr. Potter." It has likewise been claimed that he was a Revolutionary soldier, but the New York State records do not reveal either a "Simon Potter" or a "Simon Potter Skidmore." In the Albany County Militia, 13th Regiment, is found the name of one Simeon Potter. The name as first given to me was "Lyman Potter," but the will of [4]Joseph Skidmore (father of Nathan) gives it as "Simon Potter."

WALTER SKIDMORE OF HEMPSTEAD, L. I.

[5]**Walter Skidmore** [son of [4]Joseph and Mary Skidmore of Hempstead] was born June 26, 1744 (Presbyterian Church Records, Jamaica). He died in 1804. He married Catherine Wood. They resided in Hempstead. His will proven April 30, 1804, at Jamaica (Vol. B, page 198), devises property to his wife, Catherine; to his son-in-law, Timothy Smith, husband of his daughter [6]Mary; also land to his grandson, [7]Walter Skidmore Smith.

[6]**Mary Skidmore** [daughter of [5]Walter and Catherine Wood Skidmore] married Timothy Smith [son of Sylvanus and Sarah Seaving Smith]. They resided at Herricks, L. I., where their children were born. [6]Mary Skidmore and her husband, Timothy Smith, are interred in St. George's churchyard, Hempstead. Their eight children were:

1. [7]Sarah Smith [daughter of [6]Mary Skidmore and Timothy Smith] was born January 5, 1793, and died April 7, 1882. She was a woman of unusual refinement and greatly beloved by all her family. She married Silas Cock, a Quaker, and resided at Millneck, L. I. Their children were:
   (1) [8]Isaac Smith Cock, who traveled west and was probably lost in the Mississippi river in 1846.
   (2) [8]Lydia Titus Cock.
   (3) [8]Mary Smith Cock [daughter of [7]Sarah Smith and Silas Cock] was born March 29, 1816, and died August 1, 1893. She was married to Elbert Ludlam of Oyster Bay, on October 24, 1834, and resided in that village. They had two children, namely:
   i. [9]Joseph Smith Ludlam [son of Elbert Ludlam and [8]Mary Smith Cock] born November 24, 1835. He was a graduate of Princeton College. He married Ann Elizabeth Weekes of Center Island and they resided at Oyster Bay. [9]Joseph Smith Ludlam and Ann Elizabeth Weekes had one daughter and three sons, namely:
   (i.) [10]Charlotte Ludlam, deceased 1867.
   (ii.) [10]Joseph, who died in infancy, 1867.
   (iii.) [10]Isaac Cock Ludlam, a graduate of Cornell University, who died in 1908, in his thirty-second year. He was a lawyer of great promise.

(iv.) [10]Harry Weekes Ludlam, a graduate of Cornell University. He married Louise Freman and has four children: [11]Harriet Elsie Ludlam, [11]Elizabeth Ludlam, [11]Harold Ludlam, [11]Elbert Ludlam.

ii. [9]Emily Ludlam [daughter of Elbert Ludlam and [8]Mary Smith Cock] was born August 27, 1839, and died November —, 1904. She united in marriage with Thaddeus Burr Wakeman [son of Jonathan Wakeman and Clara Wakeman of Greenfield Hill, Conn.]. Thaddeus Burr Wakeman is a graduate of Princeton College and a lawyer in New York City, where he resided until recently. His home is now Greenwich, Conn. The four children of Thaddeus Burr and [9]Emily Ludlam Wakeman are:

(i.) [10]Clara Wakeman [daughter of Thaddeus B. and [9]Emily Ludlam Wakeman], born May 20, 1860; unmarried.

(ii.) [10]Elbert Ludlam Wakeman [son of Thaddeus B. and Emily Ludlam Wakeman], born in New York City, April 24, 1862. [10]Mr. Wakeman is a graduate of Columbia University and a lawyer in New York City with a residence at Melincourt, Millneck, L. I. He is much interested in the history of his family. [10]Elbert (Ludlam) Wakeman married Clara Livingston-Canaday of Albany, N. Y. [She is a daughter of Lloyd Canaday and Matilda Livingston.] They have one daughter, [11]Sally Skidmore Wakeman, born March 11, 1893, at Oyster Bay, L. I. She resides with her parents at Melincourt, Millneck, L. I.

(iii.) [10]Mary Cock Wakeman [daughter of Thaddeus B. Wakeman and [9]Emily Ludlam], born July 11, 1867, died March 1, 1870.

(iv.) [10]Emily Isabel Wakeman [daughter of Thaddeus B. Wakeman and [9]Emily Ludlam], born October 28, 1872, married Randolph Hartley. Their son is [11]Randolph Wakeman Hartley, born March 16, 1909.

2. [7]Elizabeth Smith [daughter of [6]Mary Skidmore and Timothy Smith] married William Welling. They resided at Jamaica, L. I., and left no children. They are interred in Grace churchyard at Jamaica, L. I.

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3. Dr. [7]Walter Skidmore Smith [son of [6]Mary Skidmore and Timothy Smith] graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. He married Miss Kissam and resided in New York City. Their son, [8]Timothy Smith, is deceased. Dr. [7]Walter Smith and wife are interred in St. Mark's churchyard at Second Avenue and Stuyvesant Street, New York.
4. [7]Susan Jane Smith [daughter of [6]Mary Skidmore and Timothy Smith] married Benjamin S. Hewlett of Hewletts, L. I. Their daughters are:
   (1) [8]Mary Elizabeth Hewlett, who married Peter C. Vandewater. They reside at Cedarhurst, L. I. Their family of six children is as follows: [9]Susan Elizabeth, [9]Benjamin Cornelius, [9]Alfred Hewlett, [9]Gertrude Amanda, [9]William Horatio, [9]May Skidmore.
   (2) [8]Jane Amanda Hewlett [daughter of Benjamin S. Hewlett and [7]Susan J. Smith], unmarried.
5. [7]Mary Smith [daughter of [6]Mary Skidmore and Timothy Smith] married [7]David William Skidmore [son of [6]John and Elizabeth Allen Skidmore]. They resided at Jamaica, L. I. [7]Mary Smith was the second wife of [7]David William Skidmore and died without issue. She is interred at Grace churchyard, Jamaica, L. I.

   [7]David William Skidmore married for his first wife Elizabeth Ward, by whom he had a son:

   [8]William Allen Skidmore [son of [7]David William and Elizabeth Ward Skidmore] married Maria Hewlett Woolley of Jamaica, L. I. They have two daughters:
   1. [9]Elizabeth Ward Skidmore, born January 13, 1880. Married Harry A. Foster, D. D. S., of Brooklyn, N. Y., in April, 1909.
   2. [9]Emily Williamson Skidmore, born March, 1883.
6. [7]Catherine Smith [daughter of Timothy and [6]Mary Skidmore Smith] married George Van Nostrand. Their five children were:
   (1) [8]Mary Van Nostrand, unmarried.
   (2) [8]Emily Van Nostrand, unmarried.
   (3) Rev. [8]Aaron Van Nostrand, who married Mary Dunlap and had two daughters, [9]Catherine and [9]Nora.
   (4) [8]Elizabeth Van Nostrand, unmarried.

(5) [8]John Hewlett Van Nostrand, who married Adelaide Lockwood and had three sons:
i. [9]Walter, who married Lila Bedel.
ii. [9]Frederick C., unmarried.
iii. [9]John A., who married Mary Collison.

7. [7]Sylvanus Smith, unmarried [son of Mary Skidmore and Timothy Smith].
8. [7]Mary Smith (who died early unmarried) [daughter of Mary Skidmore and Timothy Smith].

JOSEPH SKIDMORE, JR., OF HEMPSTEAD, L. I.

[5]**Joseph Skidmore, Jr.** [son of [4]Joseph and Mary Skidmore of Hempstead], was born April 20, 1747/48 (Presbyterian Church Records). He died on March 5, 1812. He married first, Miss Rhodes. He married second, Letitia Higby, April 30, 1797 (Presbyterian Church Records). Children of [5]Joseph Skidmore, Jr., of Hempstead were:

1. [6]Joseph Skidmore, 3d, married Abigail.
2. [6]Elizabeth Skidmore.
3. [6]Sarah Skidmore.
4. [6]William Skidmore.
5. [6]Nellie Skidmore, baptized October 4, 1778.
6. [6]Jonah or Josiah Skidmore.
7. [6]Hannah Skidmore, baptized January 10, 1777.
8. [6]Abiathar Skidmore.
9. [6]Susan Skidmore, baptized April 27, 1783.
10. [6]Samuel Skidmore.
11. [6]Jeremiah Skidmore, son of second wife, born 1798.
12. [6]Rhoda Skidmore, daughter of second wife, born 1800.

[6]**Joseph Skidmore, 3d** [son of [5]Joseph Skidmore, Jr., and first wife], married Abigail. She died in 1816. His will is proven June 22, 1811 or 1816. The children of [6]Joseph and Abigail Skidmore were:

1. [7]Joseph Skidmore [son of [6]Joseph 3d and Abigail Skidmore].
2. [7]Hannah Skidmore [daughter of [6]Joseph, 3d, and Abigail Skidmore], born January 10, 1777, married Mr. John Simonson. They had two children:
   (1) [8]Joseph Simonson [son of [7]Hannah Skidmore and John Simonson] married Hannah A. Higbie, daughter of Susan Skidmore and Anson Higbie. Their children are:

i. [9]Lillian Simonson, who married first, Charles F. Skidmore and second, Anthony Whealey. She resides at Hempstead, L. I., and her daughter was [10]Mabel (deceased).

ii. [9]Joseph Simonson, who married Florence Mott, and has the following children: [10]Lillian Simonson, who married Charles Wright; [10]Frank Simonson, [10]Grace Simonson, [10]Florence Simonson, [10]Myron Simonson.

(2) [8]Daniel Simonson [son of [7]Hannah Skidmore and John Simonson] married Hannah E. Higbie of Springfield, L. I., and had four children:

i. [9]Annie Simonson, married Mr. Nostrand.

ii. [9]Augusta Simonson.

iii. [9]Joseph Simonson, who married Lizzie Nostrand, and has children.

iv. [9]Susan Simonson.

3. [7]Elizabeth Skidmore [daughter of [6]Joseph, 3d, and Abigail Skidmore] married Mr. Smith. Their children were:

(1) [8]Susan Smith.

(2) [8]Sarah Smith.

(2) [9]Hannah Smith.

4. [7]Sarah Skidmore [daughter of [6]Joseph, 3d, and Abigail Skidmore] married Mr. Simonson. Their five children were:

(1) [8]Charity, who married Mr. Sprague and had a daughter, [9]Lottie.

(2) [8]Mary, who married Mr. Thorn and had a daughter, [9]Mary, who married Mr. Hendrickson and had three children.

(3) [8]John.

(4) [8]Hannah, who married Mr. Hendrickson and had [9]Henry, [9]James, [9]Annie, and others.

(5) [8]Joseph, who married Miss Hendrickson and had [9]Judith and [9]May.

5. [7]Nellie Skidmore [daughter of [6]Joseph, 3d, and Abigail Skidmore] was born in 1805 and died in 1855. Married John W. Nostrand. He was born 1798, died 1854. Their children were:

(1) [8]William S. Nostrand, born 1824.

(2) [8]Nathaniel Nostrand; children are [9]John, [9]Mary, [9]Kate.

(3) [8]Smith Nostrand, born 1830, died 1865. He married Phebe Carpenter.

(4) [8]Hannah Nostrand, who married John M. Higbie and had [9]Stephen, [9]John, [9]Ellen, [9]Jane, [9]Mary.

(5) [8]Elizabeth Nostrand, who married Mr. Smith and had [9]Ellen and [9]William.

(6) [8]Abby Nostrand, born 1833, married Lucas Decker and had [9]Nellie, [9]Elbert, [9]Smith, [9]Lucas.

(7) [8]Steven Nostrand.

[6]**Nellie Skidmore** [daughter of [5]Joseph Skidmore, Jr., and first wife], baptized October 4, 1778, married William Cornwell* in 1798 and had the following children:

1. [7]Elizabeth Cornwell [daughter of [6]Nellie Skidmore and William Cornwell], who married Abram Snedeker.
2. [7]Robert Cornwell [son of [6]Nellie Skidmore and William Cornwell], who married Miss Hendrickson and had the following children:
   (1) [8]Timothy Cornwell.
   (2) [8]Ellen Cornwell, who married Mr. Burtis.
   (3) [8]Catherine Cornwell, who married Mr. Bedell and had
      i. [9]Stephen Bedell.
      ii. [9]Cora Bedell.
      iii. [9]Robert Bedell.
      iv. [9]Ellen Bedell.
3. [7]John Wesley Cornwell [son of [6]Nellie Skidmore and William Cornwell], who married Miss Bedell and had children as follows:
   (1) [8]John W. Cornwell, who married and had a son, [9]John W.
   (2) [8]Addie Cornwell, who married Mr. Sherman and has three children.
   (3) [8]Adelia Cornwell.
   (4) [8]Matilda Cornwell, who married Mr. Hasbrook and has
      i. [9]Grace Hasbrook.
      ii. [9]George Hasbrook.
      iii. [9]John Hasbrook.

*The names Cornwell and Cornell are used by members of the same family.

4. [7]Hannah Cornwell [daughter of [6]Nellie Skidmore and William Cornwell], who married John Higbie and had
   (1) [8]Mary Higbie.
   (2) [8]William Higbie, who married Sarah Skidmore.
   (3) [8]Elizabeth Higbie, who married Burtis Higbie.
   (4) [8]Henry Higbie, who married Amelia Haden.
5. [7]Joseph [son of [6]Nellie and William Cornwell] married and had a son Albert, who has eight children.
6. [7]William [son of [6]Nellie and William Cornwell] married Miss Cornell and has a daughter, [8]Addie, who married Mr. Summerfield.
7. [7]Henry [son of [6]Nellie and William Cornwell] married and has six children. Henry was born in 1815.

[6]**Jonah, or Josiah, Skidmore** [son of [5]Joseph Skidmore, Jr., and first wife] married Miss Hawkins.

[6]**Abiathar Skidmore** [son of [5]Joseph Skidmore, Jr., and first wife] married Hannah Higbie and died in 1814. His sons were:

1. [7]Walter Skidmore, who married Miss White, and had a son, [8]Walter, whose children are [9]Eda and [9]Henrietta.
2. [7]Stephen Skidmore, who married Miss Byron and had daughters, [8]Henrietta and [8]Emma. [8]Henrietta had a son, [9]James, and a daughter, [9]Marian, who married Dr. C. Holmes McNeil, and daughter, [9]Emma. [9]James had a son, [10]Clifford Skidmore. [8]Emma Skidmore married Mr. Smith and had [9]Mary, [9]Grace and [9]Frederick.

[6]**Samuel Skidmore** [son of [5]Joseph Skidmore, Jr., and first wife] married Miss Diteman in 1814 and had the following children:

1. [7]Joseph Skidmore: children were Samuel, Catherine, Joseph, Silvanus and Joshua.
2. [7]William Skidmore, who married and had [8]Sidney, [8]Dolly and [8]Catherine, who married Mr. Hicks and has daughters, [9]Etta and [9]May.
3. [7]Walter Skidmore, who married Miss Eldred and had six children, namely: [8]Mary, [8]Rebecca, [8]Charles, [8]Henrietta, [8]Luke, [8]James.

[6]**Susan Skidmore** [daughter of [5]Joseph, Jr., and first wife] was baptized 1783, married first, Mr. Higbie, married second, Anson Higbie and had the following children:

1. [7]Daniel [son of [6]Susan and Mr. Higbie] married Miss Wright, and had the following children:
   (1) [8]Susan, who married Mr. Dykeman and had a son, [9]Daniel.
   (2) [8]Jane, who married Mr. Hendrickson and had a son, [9]Sidney.
   (3) [8]Alexander, who married and had sons: [9]George and [9]Winfield.
   (4) [8]Skidmore, who married and had a son, [9]Wilber.
   (5) [8]Wright, who married and had [9]Alexander and [9]Celia.
2. [7]Joseph Higbie [son of [6]Susan Skidmore and Anson Higbie] married and had the following children:
   (1) [8]Daniel Higbie.
   (2) [8]Jane Higbie.
   (3) [8]Charles Higbie.
   (4) [8]Walter Higbie.
   (5) [8]Mary Higbie.
   (6) [8]Eunice Higbie.
3. [7]Stephen Higbie [son of [6]Susan Skidmore and Anson Higbie] married, but had no children.
4. [7]Hannah A. Higbie [daughter of [6]Susan Skidmore and Anson Higbie] was born 1818, married Joseph Simonson and had:
   (1) [8]Lillian Simonson, who married first, Charles Skidmore, second, Anthony Whealey. Mrs. Anthony Whealey resides in Hempstead, L. I. On her mother's side she is a descendant of Susan Skidmore and on her father's side a descendant of Joseph Skidmore, who married Abigail.
   (2) [8]Joseph Simonson, who married Miss Mott and had the following children:
      i. [9]Grace Simonson.
      ii. [9]Lillian Simonson.
      iii. [9]Frank Simonson.
      iv. [9]Florence Simonson.
      v. [9]Myron Simonson.
5. [7]Mary Higbie [daughter of [6]Susan Skidmore and Anson Higbie] married Mr. Stimson and had a son, [8]Woodruff, who married Miss Roberts.

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CHAPTER XL.

JEREMIAH SKIDMORE OF NEW YORK CITY AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

[6]**Jeremiah Skidmore** [son of [5]Joseph Skidmore, Jr., and Letitia Higbie, second wife] was born March 23, 1798, at Jamaica, L. I. He died November 28, 1877, in New York City. He married Judith Ludlam on December 30, 1819. Rev. Henry R. Weed, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamaica, performed the ceremony. Judith Ludlam was born June 6, 1799, and died June 6, 1865. [Judith Ludlam was the daughter of William Ludlam of Jamaica, L. I.]

[6]Jeremiah Skidmore resided in New York City and was a coal merchant, which business he established, and in which he and his sons were engaged for many years. He was a communicant of the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church, New York City, in which he was an elder many years. He had a family of four children:

1. [7]Joseph Russell Skidmore.
2. [7]William Ludlam Skidmore.
3. [7]Mary Jane Skidmore.
4. [7]Ann Letitia Skidmore.

1. [7]Joseph Russell Skidmore [son of [6]Jeremiah and Judith Ludlam Skidmore] was born February 26, 1821, in New York City. He died December 30, 1882. He was interred in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York. He married Lucy Ann Hawley on December 22, 1847. She was born September 29, 1821, and died August 2, 1853. Her parents were Irad and Sarah Holmes Hawley of Ridgefield, Conn., and New York City. [Irad Hawley was a great-grandson of Rev. Thomas Hawley, the first minister of Ridgefield, Conn., who settled there in 1713; he remained until his death in 1738. He received over 700 acres of land in the town as his part of the original land purchased of the

Indians in 1708. He was also town clerk.] [7]Joseph Russell Skidmore resided in New York City, and was engaged in the coal business established by his father. He was an elder in the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church, and later held the same office in the Church of the Covenant. [7]Joseph Russell Skidmore married for his second wife Anna Holmes Krebs, who died October 8, 1894. The two children of [7]Joseph Russell and Lucy A. Hawley Skidmore are:

(1) [8]Irad Hawley Skidmore, born October 18, 1850, died July 22, 1852, interred at Woodlawn, New York.

(2) [8]Lucy Ann Hawley Skidmore, born July 4, 1853, in New York City; married on May 13, 1875, John Blair Scribner [son of the publisher, Charles Scribner], the senior member of the firm, Charles Scribner's Sons, publishers, New York City. Mr. John Blair Scribner was a graduate of Princeton College; he died January 20, 1879. Mrs. John Blair Scribner resides at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. She is the founder of a noble philanthropy known as "The Young Women's Industrial Club of Saratoga Springs."* This institution was founded by Mrs. Scribner in 1903, and its handsome new building was opened in 1909, the equipment throughout being of the finest. There are baths, tennis courts and bowling alleys, a circulating library and reading room. The club is non-sectarian and open to all self-supporting girls and women of good character. Its objects, as set forth in the circular, are: "The mutual instruction and improvement of its members, the establishment of a social center for them, and the circulation of such knowledge and art as may promote their well-being—physical, mental and spiritual—and their ability to become self-supporting."

Instruction is given in classes covering a great variety of arts, viz., dressmaking, millinery, embroidery, sewing, physical culture, dancing, business training, music, elocution, languages. In certain classes certificates are awarded to those who pass satisfac-

*See page 285.

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tory examinations which enable them to secure a position. Annual dues and tuition fees are required. There is a "Woman's Exchange" where fine sewing and china painting are received and sold, and work supplied to women. The Young Women's Industrial Club is managed by a board of officers of which Mrs. J. Blair Scribner is the president, assisted by vice-presidents, and a board of directors. The institution work is administered by a staff of superintendents and instructors.

2. [7]William Ludlam Skidmore [son of [6]Jeremiah and Judith Ludlam Skidmore] was born September 25, 1822, and died October 23, 1896 (Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Record). He married Charlotte Freeman June 15, 1847; she was born March 4, 1826, and died November 15, 1895 (Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Records). [7]William L. Skidmore resided in New York City and succeeded to the business established by his father. He was a member of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, with which he united in 1855; was elected deacon therein February 16, 1862, and continued in this office until elected elder, November 22, 1869, which office he held until death. Dr. John Hall was pastor of this church at this period. The two sons of [7]William Ludlam Skidmore were:
   (1) [8]Alfred Freeman Skidmore, born March 4, 1848, died February 15, 1868.
   (2) [8]Jeremiah Skidmore, Jr., born May 31, 1851, died September 16, 1878.
3. [7]Mary Jane Skidmore [daughter of [6]Jeremiah and Judith Ludlam Skidmore] was born December 9, 1825, died June 29, 1908. She resided in New York City, and was unmarried.
4. [7]Ann Letitia Skidmore [daughter of [6]Jeremiah and Judith Ludlam Skidmore] was born May 10, 1828, died May 14, 1897. She married Charles G. Barrett on June 13, 1850. He was born July 13, 1823, died May 12, 1901. They lived in New York City. Their three children were:
   (1) [8]William Skidmore Barrett [son of [7]Ann Letitia Skidmore and Charles G. Barrett] was born May 4, 1851,

in New York City. He married Mary A. Gildersleeve. The three sons of [8]William Skidmore and Mary A. Gildersleeve Barrett are:

i. [9]William Skidmore Barrett, Jr., born May 3, 1874. Married Clara Manson. Resides in New York City. They have one son, [10]William Skidmore Barrett, 3d.

ii. [9]Joseph Russell Barrett, born December 3, 1877, died February 27, 1909. Resided in New York City. He married Daisy Jackson and had four children, namely: [10]Joseph Russell Barrett, Jr., [10]Harold B. Barrett, [10]Bertram J. Barrett, [10]Lucy Skidmore Barrett.

iii. Gurnee Hinman Barrett, born September 19, 1887.

(2) [8]Minnie Barrett, married George Palen. They had one daughter, who died in infancy.

(3) [8]Anna Krebs Barrett, died September 3, 1861 (infancy).

[6]**Rhoda Skidmore** [daughter of [5]Joseph, Jr., and Letitia Skidmore], born in 1800, married Mr. Wright. She died January 24, 1887, aged eighty-seven. They had two sons, viz.:

1. [7]Samuel Wright, married Miss Krebs.

2. [7]Joseph S. Wright, married Jane H. Hewlett and had children:

(1) [8]Mary.

(2) [8]Nathaniel, who married Amelia Simonson and had [9]Charlotte and [9]Henrietta.

(3) [8]Elizabeth, who married Divine Hewlett and has a son, [9]Joseph Skidmore Hewlett.

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SKIDMORES IN WEST VIRGINIA, KANSAS, TEXAS, ILLINOIS AND CALIFORNIA

CHAPTER XLI.

THE SKIDMORE FAMILY IN WEST VIRGINIA, KANSAS, TEXAS, ILLINOIS, CALIFORNIA AND OKLAHOMA.

Certain branches of the Skidmore family rather early joined the onward march of emigration toward the south and west of our country.

The Holland Land Company purchased several million acres of land in Western New York and Pennsylvania, and sold farms to enterprising settlers from Manhattan and Long Island, on easy terms.

Between the years 1760 and 1800, many hundreds of settlers from Bergen County, N. J., removed to southern Pennsylvania, and from there pushed on to Virginia and Kentucky, where they established themselves in the "blue grass country." Their descendants later emigrated to Ohio and Indiana and later to the Southwest.

[6]**Andrew Skidmore,*** a resident of Pendleton County, Virginia (now West Virginia), married and had a family consisting of the following sons:

1. [7]Isaac Skidmore.
2. [7]Elijah Skidmore.
3. [7]James Skidmore.
4. [7]Andrew Skidmore, Jr.

ANDREW SKIDMORE OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.

[7]**Andrew Skidmore, Jr.** [son of [6]Andrew] was born about the year 1780. Resided near Beverly, Randolph County, West Virginia. He was a large landowner in that state and prosperous.

[7]Andrew Skidmore married Mary A. Stonestreet. She was of English parentage. Her people resided in Kent, England. They

* Believed to have been a descendant of Andrew Skidmore of Hempstead, L. I.

were people of wealth; her father, Butler Stonestreet, came to America previous to the Revolutionary War, Mary A. being the eldest of nine children.

[7]Andrew and Mary A. Stonestreet Skidmore were the parents of twelve children, namely:

1. [8]Ellen Skidmore.
2. [8]Samuel C. Skidmore.
3. [8]James Skidmore.
4. [8]Mary Skidmore.
5. [8]Susanna Skidmore.
6. [8]Rebecca Skidmore.
7. [8]Louise Skidmore.
8. [8]India Skidmore.
9. [8]Martha Skidmore.
10. [8]Nancy Skidmore.
11. [8]Elizabeth Skidmore.
12. [8]Emily Skidmore.

[8]**Ellen Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Skidmore], born 1812, died 1867, married first, William Moore, married second, Madison Daniels. The son of [8]Ellen Skidmore and William Moore was:

1. [9]David Moore, who died at Santa Barbara, Cal.

Children of [8]Ellen Skidmore and Madison Daniels were:

2. [9]Allen Daniels, who died in 1899. His family live at Danville, Ill.
3. [9]Samuel Daniels, who lives at San Bernardino, Cal.
4. [9]Harper Daniels, married and lives at Danville, Ill.
5. [9]H. Daniels, who lives at Beverley, West Va.
6. [9]Mary Daniels, married Mr. Harper and lives at Davis, West Va.
7. [9]Christena Daniels, married, resides at Elkins, West Va.

SAMUEL SKIDMORE OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS.

[8]**Samuel C. Skidmore** [son of [7]Andrew and Mary Skidmore] was born April 6, 1821, on his father's plantation in Virginia. Married Elizabeth A. Keyser of Surry, Va., on December 25, 1841. He left West Virginia in 1853 and located in state of Texas, residing at Corpus Christi. Their ten children were:

1. [9]**Andrew C. Skidmore** [son of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth Keyser Skidmore] died in infancy.

2. [9]**Calvin A. Skidmore** [son of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth Keyser Skidmore], born January 21, 1844. Children:
   [10]Callie A., deceased.
   [10]Frank O., deceased.
   [10]Samuel C., deceased.
   [10]Clifford B., born August 31, 1882.
   [10]Oron K., born November 17, 1887.
3. [9]**Marcellus A. Skidmore** [son of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth Keyser Skidmore], born January 21, 1846, daughter, [10]Maude, born 1874.
4. [9]**Martha Anna Rebecca Skidmore** [daughter of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth Keyser Skidmore]. She married first, Michael Henry Dickens in Rockport, Texas, on April 20, 1868. He died September 23, 1877. [9]Martha A. R. Dickens married for her second husband Clifford Brock-Hollinshead at Skidmore, Bee County, Texas, on May 13, 1880. She now resides in Beeville, Texas. Her children by her first marriage are:
   (1) [10]Lilly Anna Dickens, born March 30, 1870.
   (2) [10]Charles Henry Dickens, born February 16, 1872.
   (3) [10]Thomas Otis Dickens, born February 22, 1874.
   (4) [10]Samuel Michael Dickens, born July 7, 1876.

Her daughter by the second marriage is:

   (5) [10]Gertrude Elizabeth Brock-Hollinshead, who married Mr. Davis and has three children, namely:
      i. [11]Martha Lilly Davis.
      ii. [11]William C. Davis.
      iii. [11]Florence Gertrude Davis.
5. [9]**Francis O. Skidmore** [son of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth K. Skidmore], born November 20, 1850. Resides at San Antonio, Texas. Married Carrie W. Skidmore. Children:
   (1) [10]Osborn R.
   (2) [10]Charles K.
   (3) [10]Dottie.
   (4) [10]Josie.
   (5) [10]Samuel K.
   (6) [10]Glen.
   (7) [10]Lillie.
   (8) [10]Frank.
   (9) [10]Maggie.

The town of Skidmore, Texas, was named in honor of Francis O. Skidmore, who gave the land (the same being part of his ranch) to the railroad.

6. [9]**Florence Skidmore** [daughter of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth K. Skidmore].
7. [9]**Eugene Milton Skidmore** [son of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth K. Skidmore] (deceased).
8. [9]**Charles Keyser Skidmore** [son of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth Skidmore], born in 1854, died in 1871.
9. [9]**Otis Saladin Skidmore** [son of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth K. Skidmore] was born April 19, 1859. He was married August 13, 1882, to Annie Flowers Price of Gonzales, Texas. She was born May 20, 1857. [9]Otis S. Skidmore is a merchant at Oolagah, Okla. The children of [9]Otis S. Skidmore and Annie F. Price are:
   (1) [10]Eugene O. Skidmore, born August 18, 1883.
   (2) [10]Otis F. Skidmore, born June 29, 1885.
   (3) [10]Bessie E. Skidmore, born December 29, 1886.
   (4) [10]Henry C. Skidmore, born May 26, 1889.
   (5) [10]Letitia F. Skidmore, born September 14, 1891.
   (6) [10]Benjamin F. Skidmore, born April 10, 1894.
10. [9]**Thomas Baxter Skidmore** [son of [8]Samuel C. and Elizabeth K. Skidmore], born in 1861, resides in Rio Grande, Texas. He married Maggie H. Skidmore. His children are:
   (1) [10]Edgar Skidmore.
   (2) [10]Pansy Skidmore.
   (3) [10]John Skidmore.
   (4) [10]Nurna Skidmore.
   (5) [10]Leslie Skidmore.
   (6) [10]Effy Skidmore.

JAMES SKIDMORE OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS.

[8]**James Skidmore** [son of [7]Andrew and Mary A. Stonestreet Skidmore] was born in May, 1830, in Hardy County, West Virginia. He married Rebecca McBee, who was born about 1828. In the fall of 1854 [8]James Skidmore removed from West Virginia and took up his residence in the state of Illinois, where he remained until 1874. He then removed to Columbus, Cherokee County, Kan-

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sas, where he now resides. The children of [8]James Skidmore of Columbus, Kan., are:

1. [9]**Sarah E. Skidmore** [daughter of [8]James and Rebecca McBee Skidmore] was born in 1852. She married Mr. Mayhew and resides at Columbus, Kan. Children are:
   (1) [10]Minnie B. Walker.
   (2) [10]Kittie Brooks.
2. [9]**Mary Skidmore** [daughter of [8]James and Rebecca McBee Skidmore] was born in 1856. She married Mr. Radley and has the following children:
   (1) [10]Mabelle Radley.
   (2) [10]Augustus Radley.
   (3) [10]Conrad Radley.
   (4) [10]Carl Radley.
   (5) [10]Mary Radley.
3. [9]**Andrew H. Skidmore.**

JUDGE ANDREW H. SKIDMORE OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS.

[9]**Andrew H. Skidmore** [son of [8]James and Rebecca McBee Skidmore] was born in the year 1855. He settled in Kansas in the year 1876. [9]Andrew H. Skidmore entered the legal profession in 1876, was judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of Kansas for eight years and is regarded as a very able lawyer.

The town of **Skidmore, Kan.**, was named for him. Judge Skidmore has been, and is now, largely interested in coal production in the town of Skidmore.

Judge Skidmore is senior member of the law firm of **Skidmore & Walker,** Columbus Kan.

In August, 1909, Judge Skidmore attended the "Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress" held at Denver, Col., representing the city of Columbus, Kan. He is keenly alive to the interests of the great West and writes most interestingly of its possibilities, both commercial and political.

Judge [9]Andrew H. Skidmore married Alice M. Allen in 1879. Their children are:

1. [10]Daisy A. Dillard.
2. [10]Etta M. Broadley.
3. [10]Hazel B. Skidmore.
4. [10]Andrew W. Skidmore.
5. [10]Helen C. Skidmore.

[8]**Mary Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Stonestreet Skidmore] married Nicholas Judy. Their son, [9]Ambrose Judy, resides at Potomac, Ill.

[8]**Susanna Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Stonestreet Skidmore] married George Simons. Their daughter was [9]Rebecca Simons.

[8]**Rebecca Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Stonestreet Skidmore] married David Moore. Their children are:

1. [9]Susan.
2. [9]Ann.
3. [9]Ellen.
4. [9]Isabinda.
5. [9]William.
6. [9]James.
7. [9]Newton.

[8]**Louisa Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Stonestreet Skidmore] married Job Weese. Their children are:

1. [9]Grandville.
2. [9]James.
3. [9]Mary.
4. [9]Edward.
5. [9]Sarah.

[8]**India Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Stonestreet Skidmore] married Zebulon Wise. Their children are:

1. [9]B. D. Wise, resides at Potomac, Ill.
2. [9]John Wise.
3. [9]Andrew Wise.
4. [9]Daniel Wise.
5. [9]Grant Wise.
6. [9]Freed Wise.

[8]**Martha Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Stonestreet Skidmore] married George Judy.

[8]**Nancy Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Stonestreet Skidmore] married Alfred Slusher. Children:

1. [9]George Slusher.
2. [9]Alfred Slusher.
3. [9]James Slusher.
4. [9]Mary Slusher.
5. [9]Susan Slusher.

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[8]**Elizabeth Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Stonestreet Skidmore] married Andrew Ours. Children:

1. [9]Marshall Ours.
2. [9]James Ours.
3. [9]Samuel Ours.
4. [9]Andrew Ours.
5. [9]Jefferson Ours.
6. [9]Ellen Ours.
7. [9]Mary Ours.
8. [9]Martha Ours.

[8]**Emily Skidmore** [daughter of [7]Andrew and Mary Stonestreet Skidmore] married David Lionberger. Children:

1. [9]Belle.
2. [9]Jane.
3. [9]Vancoover.
4. [9]Samuel.
5. [9]Calvin.
6. [9]Clarence.

[8]Emily Skidmore was married three times.

SKIDMORE FAMILY AT ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA, AND SKIDMORE, MISSOURI.

[6]**Thomas Skidmore** was born about 1755, married Miss Marteny. Their children were: [7]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., and [7]John Skidmore.

1. [7]Thomas Skidmore, Jr., born November 12, 1785, married Mary Kettle. They resided near Elkins, W. Va. Their children were:
   (1) [8]**Hamilton Skidmore** [son of [7]Thomas, Jr., and Mary Kettle Skidmore] moved from Virginia to western Illinois in 1863; then to northeast Missouri and from there to northwest Missouri in 1864, where he died. The children of Hamilton Skidmore are:
   i. [9]Lucebea.
   ii. [9]Emma M.
   (2) [8]**George Skidmore** of Philippi, West Va. [son of [7]Thomas, Jr., and Mary Kettle Skidmore], married and has children:
   i. [9]Marteny.
   ii. [9]Mary.
   iii. [9]Lydia.

(3) [8]**Allen Skidmore,** died in the South about 1863.

(4) [8]**Asa Skidmore,** deceased young.

(5) [8]**Marteny Skidmore** [son of [7]Thomas, Jr., and Mary Kettle Skidmore] was born May 25, 1825, died October 10, 1891. He married Mary J. Jessup. He left West Virginia and went to New Orleans and in 1846 located in Hamilton County, Ohio. His first wife, Mary J. Jessup, died in 1858. His second wife was Rebecca A. Adams of Ohio. In 1865 he moved to Missouri. The town of **Skidmore, Missouri,** was named for him July 29, 1880. The children of [8]Marteny Skidmore by his first wife were:

i. [9]George Skidmore, born 1850, died 1871.

ii. [9]Samuel Skidmore, born 1854, died 1884.

iii. [9]**William Jessup Skidmore,** D. C. [son of [8]Marteny and Mary Jessup Skidmore], was born September 1, 1857. Resides at **Skidmore, Mo.** Married Margaret Haines of Philadelphia, Pa., on March 20, 1901. They have one child, [10]Junior Skidmore, born May 26, 1904.

Children of [8]Marteny Skidmore by second wife were:

iv. [9]Angeline Skidmore, born 1859, died 1865.

v. [9]Emma Skidmore, born 1861, died 1865.

vi. [9]Flora Skidmore, born 1863, died 1865.

vii. [9]James Skidmore, born 1866, died 1899.

viii. [9]Ella Skidmore, born 1870. Married Milton A. Sewell and resides at Skidmore, Mo.

ix. [9]Jennie Skidmore, born 1872, died 1882.

(6) [8]**Hiram Skidmore** [son of [7]Thomas, Jr., and Mary Kettle Skidmore] died in western Illinois. He was married and had two sons and two daughters, viz.:

i. [9]Marion.

ii. [9]Emory (deceased).

iii. [9]Vienna.

iv. [9]Fatina.

(7) [8]Deborah Skidmore, died at Philippi, West Va.

(8) [8]Lidy Skidmore.

2. [7]John Skidmore [son of [6]Thomas Skidmore and Miss Marteny].

SKIDMORE FAMILY AT NEW CASTLE, PA., AND VICINITY.

[7]**John Skidmore** [son of [6]John Skidmore of Hackensack, N. J.] was born at Hackensack in the year 1800. He married Samantha Bush. She was born in the year 1811. They resided in Erie County, New York. Their five children were as follows:

1. [8]**James Skidmore** [son of [7]John and Samantha Skidmore] was born in the year 1836. He married Margaret Heasley. They reside in New Castle, Pa. Their daughter and son are:
   (1) [9]Agnes Skidmore, who married W. E. Taylor and resides in New Castle, Pa.
   (2) [9]Lamont R. Skidmore.
2. [8]**George W. Skidmore** [son of [7]John and Samantha Skidmore] was born in the year 1840. He married Olive Jones. They live at Corry, Pa. Their daughter is [9]Ruth Skidmore.
3. [8]**Charles H. Skidmore** [son of [7]John and Samantha Skidmore] was born in 1842, in Erie County, New York. He married Eliza A. Welch, who was born in 1844, and they removed to New Castle, Pa. Their children are:
   (1) [9]Stella Skidmore [daughter of [8]Charles H. Skidmore] married Thomas W. Black and now resides at East Brook Station, five miles from New Castle, Pa. The post office at this station is **Skidmore,** so named by Mrs. Stella Skidmore Black, who was appointed the first postmaster there, the post office being established December 3, 1898. The four children of Stella Skidmore Black are:
      i. [10]Charles W. Black.
      ii. [10]Eva Blanche Black (Mrs. George F. Kelso).
      iii. [10]T. LeRoy Black.
      iv. [10]F. Clifford Black.
   (2) [9]Eva Skidmore [daughter of [8]Charles H. Skidmore] married Cris W. Dieringer. Their children are:
      i. [10]Pearl Dieringer.
      ii. [10]Marie Dieringer.
   (3) [9]Lottie Skidmore [daughter of [8]Charles H. Skidmore] married Bert Whitman.

(4) [9]C. Frank Skidmore [son of [8]Charles H. Skidmore] married Nora Hall. He died in 1904. His daughter is [10]Queen Skidmore.

4. [8]**Augusta Skidmore** [daughter of [7]John and Samantha Skidmore] was born in the year 1844. She married James Harrington. Their residence is at North East, Pa. The children of [8]Augusta and James Harrington are:
   (1) [9]Palmer Harrington.
   (2) [9]Bert Harrington.
   (3) [9]Timothy Harrington.
   (4) [9]Rose Harrington.
5. [8]**Palmer Skidmore** [son of [7]John and Samantha Skidmore] was born in the year 1847. He married Susan Heasley and they reside at New Castle, Pa. Their children are:
   (1) [9]Alice Skidmore.
   (2) [9]Frederick Skidmore.

NAMES OF PERSONS FROM WHOM FAMILY RECORDS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT DATE OF PUBLISHING THIS BOOK.

Mr. James B. Skidmore, clerk of the Court, Harlan County, Kentucky, furnished me with some record of his family, but the work of compiling the same was not completed and it does not appear in this book.

Mr. Louis Skidmore of Seattle, Wash., has not responded to my request for family record.

George B. Skidmore of Clinton, California, did not respond.

Mildred P. Skidmore [daughter of George B. Skidmore] of Seattle, Wash., could not supply information concerning her family.

Grey M. Skidmore of Downey, California, did not secure any genealogical facts for the book.

Arthur E. Skidmore of New York City did not furnish family record.

RECORDS OF CERTAIN FAMILIES WITH WHICH THE SKIDMORES ARE CONNECTED BY MARRIAGE

CHAPTER XLII.

CERTAIN FAMILIES RELATED BY MARRIAGE TO THE SKIDMORES.

THE AVERY LINEAGE.

[Captain Hubbard Skidmore of New York married into this family.]

I. **Christopher Avery** of Dorsetshire, England, married Margery Stephens.

II. **Captain James Avery** married Johanna Greenslade on November 10, 1643. She was born in 1622, died 1694. Captain James died April 18, 1700. (His second wife was Abigail Ingraham.)

III. **John Avery,** born February 10, 1654, married on November 29, 1675, Abigail Chesebrough, who was born September 30, 1656.

IV. **Daniel Avery,** born November 5, 1699 (name of wife wanting).

V. **Joseph Avery** married Mary Honeywell.

VI. **Thaddeus Avery** married Elizabeth Underhill. He was born October 30, 1779, died November 16, 1836. She was born August 8, 1762, and died May 22, 1841.

VII. **Caroline Avery,** born January 22, 1796, at Pittsburg, Pa., died December 11, 1837 (she was sister of Charles Avery, the philanthropist). Caroline Avery married Captain Hubbard Skidmore on February 20, 1821. He was born at Asapague, near Oyster Bay, Suffolk County, Long Island, on November 1, 1767, and died May 26, 1842. She was Captain Skidmore's second wife.

VIII. **Estelle E. Skidmore,** born May 6, 1830, died May 21, 1905, in New York City [daughter of Captain Hubbard Skidmore]. She married on October 1, 1850, Professor Robert Ogden Doremus of

New York City. Professor Doremus was born January 11, 1824, and died March 22, 1906. He was son of Thomas C. Doremus.

IX. **Dr. Charles Avery Doremus** [son of Professor Robert Ogden Doremus and Estelle Skidmore] was born in New York City September 6, 1851. He married on August 4, 1880, Elizabeth Johnson Ward, who was born May 24, 1853, at Newport, Ky. Their only surviving child is Katherine Ward Doremus, born March 25, 1889, at New York City. Their residence is New York City.

Estelle E. Doremus [daughter of Professor Robert Ogden and Estelle E. Skidmore Doremus] was born at New York City July 27, 1861. She resides at 266 Scotland Road, South Orange, N. J., and New York City.

THE BLACKMAN LINEAGE.

This family designates as its early ancestor in Fairfield County, Conn., the Rev. Adam Blakeman, or Blackman, first pastor at Stratford, Conn.

John Blackman of Newtown married Abigail Beers and had the following children:

1. Martha Blackman, born in 1714, married Abel Botsford.
2. Abigail Blackman, born in 1716, married Samuel Beers.
3. Sarah Blackman, born in 1718, married ————.
4. John Blackman, born in 1720, married ————.
5. Ebenezer Blackman, born in 1723, married Mary Smith.
6. Joseph Blackman, born in 1726, married Elizabeth Glover.
7. James Blackman, born in 1730, married Lucy Hitchcock.

4. **John Blackman** [son of John of Newtown] was born in 1720 at Newtown. He was the ancestor of Mrs. Chester H. Brush of Danbury, Conn.

5. **Ebenezer Blackman** [son of John of Newtown] was born in 1723. He married Mary Smith, who was born in 1723. They resided in Brookfield (Whisconier Hill), Conn. Their six children were:

1. A daughter, born in 1749, died same year.
2. Mary Blackman, born in 1751.
3. Philo Blackman, born in 1753. His son, Ebenezer, had a daughter, Mary Blackman, who married Harvey Roe of Brookfield.
4. Lois Blackman, born in 1756. She married ———— Nearing.

5. Anna Blackman, born in 1759, married Liverius Hawley (writer's great-grandfather).
6. Niram Blackman, born 1762. He had a daughter, Maria Blackman, who married Starr Ferry of Bethel, whose daughter, Maria Ferry, married Charles Randall of New Milford (father of Leroy Randall) and whose son was Orris S. Ferry, United States senator from Connecticut, 1867-1876.

6. **Joseph Blackman** [son of John] of Newton, Conn. He was born in 1726 and died 1817. Will dated 1817. He married Elizabeth Glover. Their children were:

1. Abigail Blackman, who married John Turner.
2. Huldah Blackman, who married L. Sanford of Bridgewater and Bridgeport.
3. Olive Blackman lived at Butternuts, N. Y., married Oliver Summers.
4. Elizabeth Blackman, married James Jessup.
5. Jerusha Blackman, married Elnathan Peck.
6. Joseph Blackman, born 1762, married Huldah Toucey [granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Toucey]. Ann E. Blackman of Newtown is a granddaughter of Joseph Blackman.
7. Lucy Blackman, born 1769, married Amos Peck of Brookfield. She was the mother of Betsey Peck, the writer's grandmother.
8. Bethia Blackman, born 1771, died 1855, married Elijah Terrill of Brookfield, born 1768, died 1826. Bethia Blackman was the grandmother of **Eliza Skidmore Walker.**

7. **James Blackman** was born at Newtown, Conn., in 1730, was a son of John (and Abigail Beers) Blackman.

James Blackman married Lucy Hitchcock (daughter of Samuel Hitchcock, Jr.). James and Lucy Hitchcock Blackman had ten children:

1. Huldah Blackman, 1758, married Daniel Mills of Morris, N. Y.
2. Truman Blackman, 1759, married Phebe Hawley.
3. Esther, or Hester, Blackman, married [6]**Amos Skidmore** of Newtown, Conn.
4. Polly Blackman, 1763, married Levi Camp.
5. Eunice and

6. James H. Blackman [twins], 1766. She married John Lacy (the Dr. Lacy family of Brookfield, Conn.). He married Anne Summers.
7. Lucy Blackman, born 1768, died in 1851, married Jabez Hurd of Brookfield. Bernice, her daughter, married [7]Zerah Skidmore and removed to Bethlehem, Conn.
8. Martha Blackman, 1771, married [6]**Luther Mitchell Skidmore,** son of [5]John Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I. They lived at Morris, N. Y.
9. Beers Blackman, married Ursula Bull of Danbury, Conn.
10. Samuel Blackman, married [7]**Eunice Skidmore,** daughter of [6]Abel Skidmore and sister of [7]Zerah Skidmore.

THE BOND LINEAGE, OF BALTIMORE, MD.

[William B. Skidmore of New York City married into this family.]

I. **Peter Bond** came from Cornwall, England, in 1660, and took up large grants of land from Lord Baltimore in Maryland. Peter Bond died in 1705.

II. **Thomas Bond** [his son], born in 1679, added to these grants, known as "Bond's Forests," and was granted a Manor House in what is now York County, Pa. He died in 1755.

III. **John Bond** [third in line] added to the estate by grants and purchase, and was one of the founders of Baltimore Town. He was born in 1712 and died in 1790. He married Alice A. Webster in 1734.

IV. **Thomas Bond** [son of John] lived on the estate. He was twice married.

V. **Dr. Thomas E. Bond** [son of Thomas] of Baltimore, Md., was a physician and received his medical degree from the Philadelphia Medical School. This medical school was founded by his cousins, Drs. Thomas and Phineas Bond. It was the first medical school in the country and Dr. Rush was a member of the faculty.

Dr. Thomas E. Bond removed to New York City in time and became editor of the *Christian Advocate* for many years thereafter (the *Christian Advocate* being the organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America). Dr. Thomas E. Bond married Christiana Birckhead [daughter of Dr. Solomon Birckhead of Baltimore]. Her grandfather was Colonel Christopher Birckhead of the Revolutionary Army.

The twelve children of Dr. Thomas E. Bond [editor of the *Christian Advocate*] and Christiana Birckhead were:

1. Sarah Jane Bond, who married Dr. Thomas Littig.
2. Dr. Thomas E. Bond, Jr. [son of Dr. Thomas E. and Christiana Birckhead Bond], was a physician and editor and died in 1872. He married Annie Morris. They had twelve children, among the number Miss Christiana Bond of of Baltimore, Md.
3. James B. Bond [son of Dr. Thomas E. and Christiana] was a merchant in South America. He died unmarried in 1890.
4. Susan Bond, who died in infancy.
5. Matilda Bond, who died unmarried.
6. Harriet A. Bond [daughter of Dr. Thomas E. Bond and wife Christiana] married **William B. Skidmore** of New York City [son of Lemuel and Anna Burtis]. Her sons were:
   (1) William B. Skidmore [who married Julia Cobb] of Morristown, N. J. Both deceased without issue.
   (2) Attorney Lemuel Skidmore, whose law offices are in New York City. He married Mary Johnson. Their children are:
      i. Anna Skidmore.
      ii. Lemuel Skidmore.
      iii. Harriet B. Skidmore.
      iv. James B. Skidmore.
7. Anna Bond, who married Dr. Warfield. She died young without children.
8. Emily Bond, who married Professor John W. Lindsay of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He was professor of Latin and Hebrew. They resided at Middletown until her death in 1860. Professor John W. Lindsay is still living. The two sons of Emily Bond and Professor Lindsay are:
   (1) Professor Thomas B. Lindsay of Boston University.
   (2) Professor William B. Lindsay of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.
9. John W. Bond, M. D., of Toledo, Ohio.
10. Judge Hugh L. Bond of United States Circuit Court.
11. Charles W. Bond of Toledo, Ohio.

12. Christiana [Kate] Bond of New York City. She is a well-known philanthropist and Christian worker, and a sister of the late Mrs. Harriet Bond Skidmore.

RECORD OF THE FAMILY OF ZACHARIAH CLARKE OF NEWTOWN, CONN.

Zachariah Clarke of Newtown, Conn., was a son of Zachariah Clarke, an early settler at Newtown, who died in 1831, at the age of ninety-two years. His grandfather was also a Zachariah Clarke, who lived in the Parish of New Stratford (now Monroe); he was buried there in 1785, at the age of eighty-four years. The first Zachariah was a son of James Clarke, a pioneer settler at Stratford, Conn.

Zachariah Clarke of Newtown [father of **Maria Clarke Skidmore**] was born at Newtown in 1771; he lived in "Flat Swamp District" at the first, but later built a home on the "plain" just south of Newtown street. He married Hannah Toucey [youngest child of Oliver Toucey, Sr., and granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Toucey, Newtown's first minister]. She was born in 1775 and died in 1844. He died in 1846. Both were interred in the Newtown Cemetery. Their eight children were as follows:

1. **Sally Clarke** [daughter of Zachariah], born in 1795, married Daniel Connolly, a devout Methodist and a well-read man, who survived her. She died in 1863. Their only child was Margaret, born in 1830. She married in 1855, Rev. Alexander McAllister, a Methodist minister. She was regarded as a woman of rather unusual mental attainments, having had the best advantages of her day. She died in 1866.
2. **Oliver Clarke** [son of Zachariah] was born in 1797. He died in New York City in 1816. He was exposed to the small-pox and died from the disease. He was buried in cemetery on Second Avenue, New York City.
3. **Maria Clarke** [daughter of Zachariah], born in 1801, married first, Harry Hawley of Ridgefield, Conn., had a son, Henry Hawley, born in 1825. Her first husband died in 1826. Her son Henry, 1828. Maria Clarke's second husband was **Rufus Skidmore** of Brookfield, Conn., whom she married in 1829. Her children by second marriage were:
   (1) Esther Maria Skidmore, born January 1, 1831, who married Henry B. Hawley of Brookfield, Conn.

Their children are:
i. Emily C.
ii. William H.
iii. George R., M. D.
iv. Benjamin.
v. Grace S.
vi. Henry B.
vii. Lucius S.

(2) William H. Skidmore, born in 1835, married Julia G. Williams of Brookfield, Conn., and died at Brookfield in 1875. Their children are:
i. William Rufus.
ii. Julia Wilhelmine.
iii. Anna Theodora.

4. **Walter Clarke** [son of Zachariah] was born in 1802. He married Dima Ann Beers of Newtown. She died in 1881. Walter Clarke lived on a farm in "Dodgingtown" District; later he removed to Newtown Center, where he owned a commodious residence which became later the home of his son Edwin. He was a surveyor for about forty years, some of the time a county surveyor. He was a warden of the Episcopal Church, Newtown, Conn., and a man of business sagacity and excellent ability. He died in 1876. Both he and his wife were interred in the Newtown Cemetery. The children of Walter Clarke and Dima A. Beers were:

(1) Eli Clarke, born in 1830, died in 1855.

(2) Edwin Clarke, born in 1832. He died in 1899. He married first, Nancy Beers of Newtown, who died in 1869. The children of Edwin and Nancy Clarke are: i. Julia L. Clarke of Newtown, and ii. Eli Clarke of Minneapolis, Minn., his son being Samuel E. B. Clarke. Edwin Clarke married for his second wife Mattie Parker of Louisville, Ky.
The children by the second marriage were: iii. Mattie E. Clarke, iv. Edwin Parker Clarke. Both deceased.

(3) Emma J. Clarke, born in 1843, married George Peck of Newtown, 1865, and they resided in Brooklyn. N. Y. He died in 1875. [He was the son of Samuel

Beers Peck.] The children of Emma J. Clarke and George Peck are:

i. Samuel C. Peck, born in 1866. He married Jane Jackson, and died in 1896 without children, buried at Newtown. He was connected with the General Electric Company of New York City.

ii. Walter Peck, born in 1871. He married Elizabeth Chester Backus of Schenectady, N. Y. He has been engaged in electrical business in the United States and South America. His children are: Elizabeth Chester Peck, born 1903; Samuel Clarke Peck, born 1904.

iii. Elizabeth Peck, born 1872, who is a teacher at Schenectady, N. Y.

iv. Susan Peck, born 1874, married Willard Burdick of South Orange, N. J. Their children are: Priscilla Burdick, born 1901; Ruth MacBride Burdick, born 1904; Merrill Burdick, born 1906.

5. **Charles Clarke** [son of Zachariah] was born in 1804. He married Betsey A. Fairchild of Newtown, who was born in 1811, and died in 1859. Her husband died in 1854. The six children of Charles Clarke and Betsey Ann Fairchild were:

(1) Robert Toucey Clarke [son of Charles and Betsey Fairchild Clarke] was born at Newtown, Conn., in 18—. He attended the "famous" school kept by Harry Peck at Taunton Lake, as did his brothers and cousins. [Harry Peck was the father of Professor Harry Thurston Peck, the writer.] Robert Toucey Clarke entered the banking business at Bridgeport, with which he was officially connected many years. In 1874 Robert T. Clarke was elected mayor of Bridgeport. He held many public and private trusts. He married Harriet E. Peck [daughter of Harry L. Peck of Brookfield, Conn.]. He died at Brookfield July 20, 1899, aged 69. His wife died May 24, 1906, aged 73. Both are interred at Central Cemetery, Brookfield. The children of Robert T. and Harriet Peck Clarke are:

i. Henry P. Clarke of Brevard, N. C., who married for

his first wife, Julia C. Hurd [daughter of Henry Hurd and Helen M. Barnum of Bridgeport]. Their daughter is Nancy Clarke of Brevard. A son by Henry Clarke's second marriage is Harry Clarke.

ii. Mary Toucey Clarke married William Haight of Bridgeport, Conn. Their children are: Alton Haight of New York City, and Marion Toucey Haight of Brookfield Center, Conn.

iii. Charles R. Clarke, who resides in Bridgeport, Conn. He married Martha Griffen of Brookfield, Conn. [daughter of Judge Benjamin Griffen]. Their children are: Philip Griffen Clarke, Elizabeth Clarke, Charles Robert Clarke, jr.

(2) Emily Clarke [daughter of Charles and Betsey Fairchild Clarke] was born in Newtown, Conn., in 1832. She died in Newtown in 1865, and is interred there.

(3) Rev. Sylvester Clarke, D. D. [son of Charles and Betsey Fairchild Clarke], was born at Newtown in 1833. Engaged in banking business at Bridgeport and Newark, N. J. Later studied at Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., and was ordained to the priesthood in 1859. In 1861 became assistant rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Bridgeport, and in 1863 became rector of the newly organized Trinity Parish, Bridgeport, and remained its rector twenty-five years. During this period he was elected professor of Church History at Sewanee University, Tenn., and in 1885 to the same chair in Seabury Divinity School, Faribault, Minn. After resigning Trinity Parish in Bridgeport, he was in 1887 elected to the chair of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology at Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., where he remained until 1904. The University of the South gave him the degree of D. D., and Yale University in 1893 conferred the honorary degree of M. A. He married Anna Dalrymple of Newark, N. J. Dr. Sylvester Clarke died in 1904, at Bridgeport, Conn. He possessed musical talent. The children of Rev. Sylvester Clarke and Anna Dalrymple of Bridgeport,

Conn., are:

i. Anna Fairchild Clarke.

ii. William Robert Clarke.

iii. Grace Dalrymple Clarke, elocutionary artist.

(4) Elizabeth Clarke [daughter of Charles and Betsey Fairchild Clarke] was born in Newtown in 1839, married David Beecher of Huntington, Conn. She died in 1867. Her twin daughters were: i. Jessie Beecher of Shelton, and ii. Bessie Beecher, deceased.

(5) Charles Walter Clarke [son of Charles and Betsey Fairchild Clarke], born in 18—, died at Newtown, Conn., in August, 1865.

(6) William Henry Clarke [son of Charles and Betsey Fairchild Clarke], born August 24, 1845, died at Newtown, Conn., in July, 1866.

6. **Emma Clarke** [daughter of Zachariah and Hannah Toucey Clarke] was born in 1806. She married William Hawley Hill [son of John Read Hill] of Redding, Conn. Her husband died December 30, 1830. She died at her son's home in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1886. One son was born to Emma Clarke and William H. Hill:

(1) Rev. William Toucey Hill, born July 22, 1830. He graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1854. He married Jane E. Burr of Middletown, Conn., and commenced preaching in the fall of 1854, in the Methodist Episcopal church in Dean Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. This church was later merged with the Hanson Place Methodist Episcopal Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. William T. Hill was in the active ministry forty-four years. Was presiding elder eight years, first in New Haven district, and afterward in New York district. He has kept pace with the scholarship of the day, being an omnivorous reader of the best literature. He has traveled extensively in the United States and in Europe, and now resides at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Conn. The children of Rev. William Toucey Hill and Jane E. Burr are:

i. Emma E. Hill, born in 1856. She is a graduate of the Yale Art School of New Haven, Conn., in which

city she now resides. She traveled extensively in Europe in 1909.

ii. Attorney William Burr Hill, born in 1857, is a graduate of Yale University, class of 1881, and of the Yale Law School, class of 1883, since which time Attorney W. B. Hill has been engaged in the practice of law in New York City. He was married to Illie C. Clapp of Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1891. [She was the daughter of the late Dwight P. Clapp.] They have one son, William Burr Hill, Jr., born May 17, 1892. He has traveled extensively, and entered Yale University in 1910. Attorney Hill's law offices are at 160 Broadway.

iii. Cyrus Foss Hill, born in 1859, was graduated from Yale University in the class of 1881. He was a successful educator for five years in the Harvard School for Boys at Chicago, Ill., and for a year or more he was headmaster of the Milwaukee Academy, Milwaukee, Wis. Professor Hill married Kate Stratton Giles of Chicago [daughter of William A. Giles] in the year 1885. Professor Hill died November 16, 1889.

The two sons of Cyrus F. Hill and Kate S. Giles were: William Giles Hill, born February 20, 1886, died September 1, 1886; Cyrus Giles Hill, born June 2, 1890. He is a student at Yale University.

iv. Ellen Toucey Hill, born in 1862, is a graduate of Teachers College, New York City. She is a successful kindergartner in the New Haven public schools, and spends her summers at her cottage on the Maine Coast.

7. **William Clarke** [son of Zachariah] was born in 1814. He was engaged in business in New York City many years. He died there in 1870. He married S. Elizabeth Lewis of Monroe Center, Conn. She was the only child of Henry Lewis and Grace Aurelia Beardsley of Monroe. Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis-Clarke married for her second husband Daniel Alonzo Nichols of Monroe. She died there January 23, 1900.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis-Clarke Nichols resided in Mon-

roe, Conn., in her father's home, a property which had not been bought or sold since first occupied by white men; fine china belonging to her mother and father was carefully preserved by her, also Revolutionary relics, given one of the Lewises by a French officer whom he entertained. The family Bible, dated 1803; a copy of the "American Telegraph" published in 1798; the "Sun of Liberty," published at Norwalk in 1801, were among the ancient treasures, as well as fine old furniture and linen. Rev. Lewis R. Streeter of Sea Cliff, L. I., now owns this homestead.

The mother of Elizabeth Lewis lived to be about one hundred years of age and was mentally alert. She was confirmed by Bishop Seabury.

8. **Philo Clarke** [son of Zachariah] was born in 1818, and married Minerva Beers of Brookfield, Conn. [daughter of Alonzo Beers]. Philo Clarke held various offices of trust, namely: He was president of the Newtown Savings Bank from 1884 until 1897, and acted as trustee for various persons and estates. He read good literature and enjoyed poetry. I recall his fondness for Robert Burns, and I have heard him quote from that poem of love and home, "The Cotter's Saturday Night."

"Princes and lords are but the breath of kings,
An honest man's the noblest work of God.
And truly, in fair Virtue's heavenly road,
The cottage leaves the palace far behind."

He enjoyed birds and recognized their notes. He cultivated flowers and enlarged on their beauty of form and color. He took great pride in his hillside farm, and it was indeed something to admire, with its well-cultivated fields, free from weeds and very productive. He enjoyed taking his friends to the summit of the hill westward and showing the far-reaching view. His hospitality was well known and he was popular with the young.

Philo Clarke died in 1897. His wife died in 1908. She was nearly eighty-eight years of age, and a woman of unusual vigor, and retained until her death a keen interest in life and affairs. Their three children were:

(1) H. Sophia Clarke, born in 1845. She married Mr. L. B. Booth of Newtown, Conn., for many years a successful merchant there. He died in 18—. Their son is Philo Clarke Booth, born in 1886, who resides with his mother in Newtown.

(2) Emma F. Clarke, born in 1849, died in 1872, unmarried.

(3) Flora Clarke, born in 1856, attended a young ladies' seminary at Ossining, N. Y., and married Alfred Walker, Jr., of Ossining [son of Alfred Walker and Eliza Skidmore]. Her married life was spent in Ossining. She died there in 1903.

Their son, Clarke Skidmore Walker, was born at Ossining in 1893. Flora Clarke Walker possessed artistic and musical talent.

THE DRAKE LINEAGE.

The Coat-of-arms, Crest, and Motto are:

Arms: A wivern's wings displayed and tail nowed, gu.

Crest: A dexter arm erect, ppr., holding a battleaxe, sable, headed argent.

Motto: "Aquila non captat muscas."

The Drake family in America are descendants of Sir Francis Drake, the navigator. The three pioneers in America were:

I. [1]**John Drake** of Windsor.

II. [1]**Thomas Drake** of Weymouth.

III. [1]**Robert Drake** of Hampton, N. H. He was born in 1580, emigrated to the New World in 1642, and died at Hampton in 1668. His son was Captain Francis Drake.

Captain [2]**Francis Drake** of Portsmouth, N. H., emigrated to Piscataway, N. J., where he was a pioneer in 1667-68, and captain of the military company there. He married Mary ————, and died in 1687. Captain [2]Francis Drake had three sons:

1. [3]**George Drake,** born 1650, died 1709, married Mary Oliver of Elizabethtown, N. J., in 1677. They resided in Piscataway, N. J. Their daughters were:

(1) [4]Susanna Drake.

(2) [4]Mercy Drake, who married in 1708, Rev. [2]Benjamin Stelle, pastor of the Baptist Church at Piscataway, N. J., from 1739-1759; he was the eldest son of

Pontius Stelle, a Huguenot, who emigrated to Staten Island with French Huguenots about 1668, and who is known in early records of the New York Huguenots as "Sieur Poncet Stelle des Lorieres." Rev. [2]Benjamin Stelle was born in 1683 in New York City and died at Piscataway, N. J., in 1759. The children of [4]Mercy Drake and Rev. Benjamin Stelle were:

i. Susanna, born 1710, married Judge Jo. Hull.
ii. Elizabeth, born 1712, unmarried.
iii. Benjamin, born 1713, married Hannah Dunham.
iv. John, born 1716, married Rachael Thompson.
v. Isaac, born 1718, married Christiana Clarkson.
vi. Rachel, born 1720, married Ephraim Randolph.

2. **Rev. [3]John Drake,** pastor of the church at Piscataway, N. J., married and had a daughter, [4]Sarah Drake, who married Ensign [4]Benjamin Hull. Their son was Judge Joseph Hull, born about 1708; he married [3]Susanna Stelle in 1730. Their children were:

Isaac Hull.
Benjamin Hull.
Joseph Hull.
Rachel Hull.
Jacob Hull.
Mary Hull.
Stelle Hull.
John Hull.
Samuel Hull.
David Hull.

3. [3]**Francis Drake.**

[Baptist Church Record, Piscataway.]

[6]**John Drake** married Magdalene Guion. Their daughter, [7]Angelina E. Drake, born 1810, married [7]**Samuel Tredwell Skidmore, Sr.,** of New York City.

THE FERRIS LINEAGE.

[There were a number of intermarriages between the Skidmore and Ferris families.]

I. **Zachariah Ferris** of Reading, England, descended from a family of earls of Derby; they were Normans under William the Conqueror.

II. **Samuel Ferris** was of Charlestown, Mass.

III. **Peter Ferris** settled in Newtown, Conn., in 1711.

Among his children were:

IV. 1. **Samuel Ferris,** and

2. **Joseph Ferris,** who married Abigail Sherman, and had three children, namely:

V. (1) Daniel Ferris, who married Jerusha Glover and had two children:

i. Jerusha Ferris, who married **Dr. Rufus Skidmore** of Newtown, Conn., and

ii. Glover Ferris.

(2) Martha Ferris, who married Abel Hurd of Brookfield, whose children were: i. Peter Hurd and ii. Jabez Hurd of Brookfield.

(3) Ruth Ferris.

LORD LION GARDINER AND DESCENDANTS OF GARDINER'S ISLAND, L. I., WITH WHOM THE LONG ISLAND SKIDMORES WERE CONNECTED BY MARRIAGE.

Lion Gardiner, "engineer and master of works of fortification," and a soldier, came to New England in 1635, to assist Governor John Winthrop of Connecticut in the drawing of plans for fortifications and also to serve in the Colonial army. He was a Scotchman, who came from Holland to London, and thence to the New World, with his wife Mary. He first constructed fortifications at Boston town. He was commander of the fort at Saybrook for four years.

In the year 1639, Lion Gardiner purchased an island "set in the sea, between the north and south flukes of eastern Long Island," and built a manor house and made a settlement in 1640. This was the first English settlement within the present limits of New York State, and the island became known as Gardiner's Island. It consisted of more than three thousand acres of wooded land. In 1653 he gave this valuable island to his son, David Gardiner, and it has been in the possession of Lion Gardiner's direct descendants until today. It is the only estate in America which has descended from a royal grant to the succeeding generations of a single family. The original owner bartered for the island with the Indian Chief Wyandauch, and later the Earl of Sterling, who claimed the eastern end of Long Island, confirmed the Indian purchase and granted Lion

Gardiner "letters patent." This constitutes the sole title to this island. There is no other title deed in America like the one conveying Gardiner's Island to Lord Gardiner. There is no recognition of the state of New York or of the United States in its title.

Lion Gardiner's tomb is at East Hampton, L. I.

Colonel John Lion Gardiner, who died in January, 1910, at East Hampton, L. I., was the "twelfth lord of the manor of Gardiner's Island." He was a lawyer and also served in the war of the Rebellion. He resided when not abroad at 674 Madison Avenue, New York City, and at the old manor house on Gardiner's Island. At his death Colonel Gardiner left four children: 1. Mrs. Alexander Cox of Kent, England; 2. Adele G. Gardiner; 3. Lion Gardiner; 4. Winthrop Gardiner, and a brother, Jonathan T. Gardiner.

THE HAWLEY LINEAGE.

I. **Joseph Hawley,** born in Derbyshire, England in 1602-03. Came to Massachusetts Colony in 1629-30. Married Catherine Birdsey of Farmington, Conn., and settled at Stratford, Conn., about 1640, where he became a prominent settler. He was town recorder sixteen years and represented Stratford at the General Assembly thirty times. He had many children.

II. **Samuel Hawley, Sr.** [son of Joseph], was born at Stratford in 1647, died 1734. He married first, Mary Thompson of Farmington; second, Patience Hubbell. They had thirteen children.

III. **Stephen Hawley** [son of Samuel, Sr.] was born at Stratford in 1695, died in 1780. He married Mary DeForrest* of Stratford and removed in time to the southern part of New Milford, Conn., where he became a very extensive land owner and prominent settler. He had six children.

IV. **Benjamin Hawley** [son of Stephen] was born in 1728, and died in 1788. He lived at New Milford and became interested in the organizing of the Newbury Society [Brookfield]. He had seven children.

V. **Liverius Hawley** [son of Benjamin], born in 1758, died in 1819. Lived at Brookfield, Conn. He was a surveyor and town official, representing the town at the Legislature many years. Married Anna Blackman of Newtown [daughter of Ebenezar]. They had four children.

*Mary De Forrest, born 1696, was a granddaughter of Isaac De Forrest, who emigrated to New Amsterdam in 1636, on the yacht "Rensselaerwick." She was of a Huguenot family of the highest character.

VI. **Benjamin Hawley** [son of Liverius], born 1794, died 1877, married Betsey Peck of Brookfield. They had eight children, all now deceased. The house built by Benjamin Hawley is now owned by Stephen Osborne of Bridgeport, and is situated midway between Brookfield Center and Brookfield.

VII. **Henry B. Hawley** [son of Benjamin Hawley and Betsey Peck] was born at Brookfield December 10, 1826, and died at Danbury, Conn., October 27, 1894. He married **Esther M. Skidmore** on May 31, 1854. She was born January 1, 1831. They had seven children, five of whom lived to adult age, and four of whom are now living, viz.: Emily C., Dr. George Rufus, Henry Benjamin, Lucius Skidmore. William H. Hawley, who was born November 26, 1858, died on December 4, 1893.

THE HICKS LINEAGE.

I. **Robert Hicks** came to New England in 1621 from London, England. He was a son of James Hicks. His wife, Margaret Winslow Hicks, came later with their children to America. He died at Plymouth in 1647.

II. **John Hicks** came to Newport, R. I., in 1637, and to Long Island in 1642. Governor Kieft granted to him and others a patent for the township of Flushing. He died at Hempstead in 1672. He was three times married: first to Herodias Long, second to Florentje Carman, third to Rachel Starr.

III. **Thomas Hicks,** born 1640, died 1740. He was first judge of Queens County.

IV. **Jacob Hicks,** born 1669, died 1755, of Hempstead, married Hannah Carpenter.

V. **Samuel Hicks,** born 1702, died 1735, married Martha Doughty.

VI. **Samuel Hicks,** born 1739, married Mary Middagh of Brooklyn.

VII. **John M. Hicks,** born 1757, died 1829. He inherited the Middagh Farm, now the first ward of the city of Brooklyn.

VIII. **Juliet Hicks,** born April 28, 1803, died 1884, married Whitehead Cornell of Brooklyn. [From record of Rev. John Cornell.]

Martha Hicks, daughter of Samuel Hicks, married [6]**Samuel Skidmore.**

THE HURD LINEAGE.

I. **John Hurd,** born 1613 in England, died 1681 in New England, early settler at Stratford, Conn.

II. **John Hurd, 2d,** born 1664, died 1731.

III. **Jabez Hurd,** born 1707 at Stratford, settled later in Trumbull, Conn.

IV. **Abel Hurd,** born 1735, son of Jabez and Phebe Burritt Hurd, married Martha Ferris of Newtown. They were early settlers at Brookfield, Conn. Their children were:

1. Peter Hurd of Brookfield, and
2. Jabez Hurd of Brookfield.

FAMILY OF JABEZ HURD OF BROOKFIELD, CONN.

Jabez Hurd was the son of Abel Hurd and Martha Ferris, pioneers at Brookfield. He was born at Brookfield, Conn. (Whisconier Hill). He died December 5, 1844. He married Lucy Hitchcock Blackman. Their children were:

1. **George S. Hurd** [son of Jabez Hurd and Lucy H. Blackman] married Mary Taylor of Danbury, Conn., and had two children, namely: (1) Susan A. Hurd, and (2) William Beers Hurd, D. D. S., of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was born in 1820, and died April 28, 1911. He married first, Annie Arnold of Norwalk, by whom he had one child, i. Jessie H. Hurd. His second wife was Elizabeth C. Ambler of Danbury, Conn., by whom there were three children, viz.:
   ii. Elizabeth A. Hurd of Brooklyn, N. Y.
   iii. Judge William B. Hurd of Brooklyn, N. Y.
   iv. Carrie B. Hurd [Mrs. J. B. Wilber] of Chicago.
2. **Bernice Hurd** [daughter of Jabez Hurd and Lucy H. Blackman], born at Brookfield, Conn., married [7]**Zerah Skidmore** [son of Abel] and removed to Bethlehem, Conn. Her children were: (1) Homer Skidmore, (2) Julia Skidmore, (3) Wealthy Skidmore, (4) Philo Hurd Skidmore.
3. **Philo Hurd** [son of Jabez and Lucy H. Blackman] was born in Brookfield (Whisconier Hill), in 1795, and resided in Bridgeport (see sketch). He married Melinda Tomlinson [daughter of Agur Tomlinson]. Their children were:
   (1) Jessie Hurd, who married James Dunham of Bridgeport, Conn.

(2) Carrie Hurd, who married William Meeker of Brookfield.
(3) Eugene Hurd.
(4) Melanchthon Hurd.

4. **Hester Hurd** [daughter of Jabez and Lucy H. Blackman], born 1790 in Brookfield, Conn., married Abel Sherman Hawley, who lived at Land's End by the cemetery. She died in 1872. Their children were:
   (1) Herson Hawley, born 1811.
   (2) Olive Hawley, born 1815, married Booth Hawley.
   (3) Marietta Hawley, born 1819, married Judson Marsh of Danbury.
   Ferris Hawley, born 1821.

5. **Samuel Ferris Hurd** [son of Jabez and Lucy H. Blackman] was born at Brookfield, Conn. He married Julia Tomlinson of Brookfield. Their children were:
   (1) Samuel Henry Hurd of Bridgeport, who married Helen Barnum [daughter of Phineas Taylor Barnum] of Bridgeport, whose daughter Julia married Henry Peck Clarke of Brevard, N. C.
   (2) Catherine Hurd, who married Dr. Henry S. Hewitt, late surgeon of the Army of the Cumberland.
   (3) Julia Hurd.

SKETCH OF PHILO HURD.

Philo Hurd of Bridgeport, Conn., was born at Brookfield (Whisconier Hill), on July 25, 1795. His father was Jabez Hurd. His mother was Lucy Hitchcock Blackman. [His mother's sister, Esther Hitchcock Blackman, became the wife of Amos Skidmore, and her children, Rufus, Wheeler, James and Hannah, were, therefore, first cousins of Philo Hurd and his brothers and sisters.] Philo Hurd was desirous of an education but early entered a store at New Milford and Woodbury. Philo Hurd married Melinda Tomlinson in 1823. She was the daughter of Agur Tomlinson of Brookfield (Iron Works).

Previous to his marriage he went to the state of Georgia in 1816, and opened a dry goods store. He remained several years in that store. After his marriage he entered into partnership with the DeForrests in the coast trading business, including the West Indian trade and the whaling business, which at that time had become exten-

sive, the uncle of his wife, Daniel Tomlinson of Brookfield, being the president of the whaling company.

Alfred Bishop of Bridgeport induced Philo Hurd to engage in railroad enterprises about the year 1838.

Philo Hurd then became a railroad promoter. He purchased the "right of way" for most of the Housatonic railroad, and for the entire line of the Naugatuck railroad, superintending the construction of the same and was superintendent of the latter road many years. He next had charge of the Madison and Indianapolis railroad. He became vice president of the Hudson River railroad later. In time he was offered the presidency of the New York and Harlem railroad, which road he greatly built up. Philo Hurd lived a very active life from first to last. He became an extensive traveler also and was active in the St. John's Episcopal parish at Bridgeport, Conn. His death occurred in 1885. Three children survived him.

THE LINEAGE OF CHARITY LAKE, WIFE OF NEHEMIAH SKIDMORE OF NEWTOWN, CONN.

Thomas Lake, born in Boston, February 9, 1656-57, married Sarah Peat [daughter of John Peat and Sarah ———, from the Parish of Duffield in Derbyshire, England], and had seven children. Charity Lake married Richard Peat, mentioned in connection with Thomas Skidmore in land conveyances, and a son, John Lake, born at Stratford, November 22, 1688, died at Newtown, September 8, 1768, married Abigail Kimberley [daughter of Abraham Kimberley and Abigail Fitch], born April 25, 1699, died 1784. Children of John Lake and Abigail Kimberley:

1. Sarah Lake, born March 16, 1718, married Ebenezer Bristol.
2. Nathaniel Lake, born October 16, 1719.
3. **Charity Lake,** born February 8, 1721, married [5]**Nehemiah Skidmore.**
4. Ephraim Lake, born April 18, 1723, married Mary Bristol.
5. John Lake, born December 19, 1724, married Rhoda Warner.
6. Thomas Lake, born July 31, 1726, married Betty Jackson.
7. Abigail Lake, born February 12, 1730, married Thomas Lattin.
8. Hannah Lake.
9. Damaris Lake.

TERRILL FAMILY OF NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP.

Amos Terrill married [5]Comfort Skidmore, daughter of Lieutenant Thomas Skidmore. Their son was:

1. Elijah Terrill, born 1768 and died October 22, 1826, aged fifty-eight. Married Bethia Blackman [daughter of Joseph Blackman of Newtown]. She was born in 1771 and died August 19, 1855. The children of Elijah Terrill were:
   (1) Esther M. Terrill, born 1795, died April 6, 1824, aged twenty-nine. She married [7]**Rufus Skidmore** and had one daughter, Eliza Skidmore-Walker.
   (2) Heman Terrill, born in 1803, died September 25, 1839, age thirty-six.
   (3) Daniel Terrill, born in 1806, died January 5, 1839, age thirty-three.
   (4) Elijah E. Terrill, born in 1811, died July 22, 1830, age nineteen.

THE TOUCEY LINEAGE.

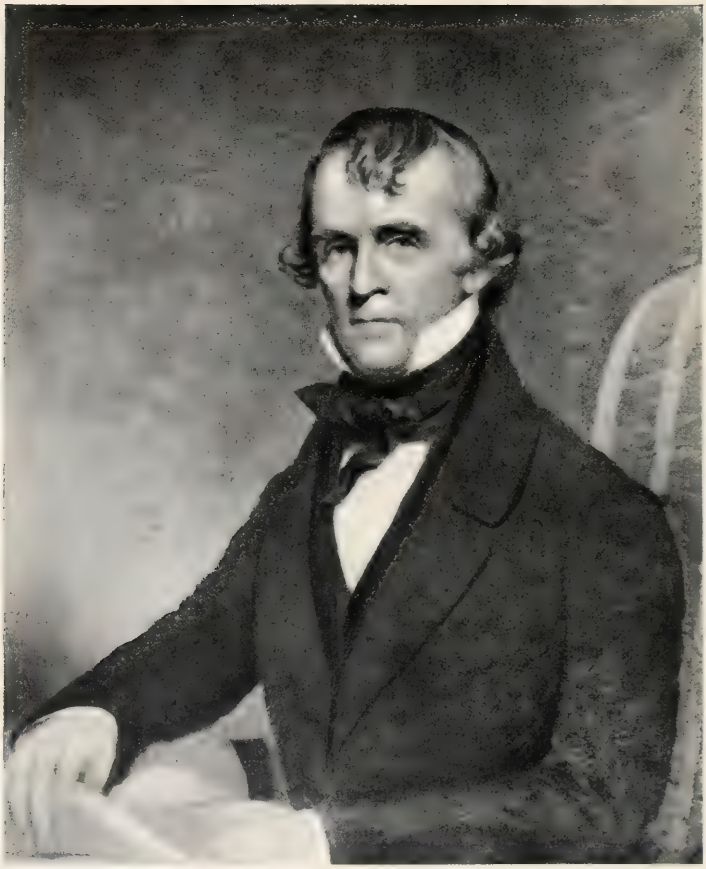
Rev. Thomas Toucey of Newtown, Conn., was born in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1688, died in Newtown, 1761. Graduated from Yale College in 1707, settled in Newtown in 1709. Ordained by council in 1715. Resigned in 1724, and went to England. Upon his return he held various town offices. Buried at Newtown in 1761. He married Hannah Clark of Milford, Conn., in 1717. They had eleven children:

1. Hannah Toucey, born September 25, 1718.
2. Arminel Toucey [daughter of Rev. Thomas], born April 15, 1720, married on December 7, 1743, Donald Grant, formerly of the "Parish of Duthel, Inverness, Scotland." He was born 1708, died at Newtown, Conn., in 1767. Their children were:
   (1) Sueton Grant, born 1744, died October 7, 1760.
   (2) Elizabeth Grant, died 1762.
   (3) Donald Grant, Jr., born 1747, died 1767.
   (4) Hannah Grant, born June 28, 1749. She married Stephen M. Mitchell of Wethersfield, Conn. [Hannah's mother had married for her second husband Stephen M. Mitchell's father, who was a widower with this son.]
   Hannah Grant-Mitchell's grandson was Donald Grant Mitchell [Ik Marvel], one time dean of American

letters, whose beautiful estate, "Edgewood," was in the western suburbs of New Haven, Conn.*

3. Elizabeth Toucey, born November 26, 1721.
4. Oliver Toucey [son of Rev. Thomas], born April 26, 1726, had three children:
   (1) Hannah, who married Zachariah Clarke of Newtown and had a daughter, Maria Clarke [Skidmore], and others.
   (2) Oliver Toucey, Jr., who had a son, Honorable Isaac Toucey, Governor of Connecticut.
   (3) Philo Toucey [son of Oliver, Sr.] living in the year 1800. His children were:
   i. Esther Toucey, born 1785, died 1869. She married Israel A. Beardsley. Her two children were:
   (i.) Philo S. Beardsley, married Harriet Beach.
   (ii.) Flora Jane, born 1822, married Aaron Sanford. Her children were: Mary Elizabeth Sanford [Mrs. Proctor], born in 1850; William Henry Sanford, born in 1862.
   ii. Flora Toucey, died in 1874. Married Asa B. Beardsley [brother of Israel]. Her children were:
   (i.) Emily Esther, born 1825, died May 20, 1909.
   (ii.) Mary Elizabeth, born 1826, married William J. Dick.
   (iii.) Philo Toucey, born 1827, died 1862.
   (iv.) Julius Theodore, born 1829, died November 21, 1907.
   (v.) John, born 1833, died October 6, 1908.
   (vi.) Frances Josephine, born 1834, died in 1910.
   (vii.) Henrietta, born 1836, died 1851.
5. Mehitable Toucey, born March 16, 1728.
6. Sarah Toucey, born October 16, 1730.
7. John Toucey, born June 15, 1731.
8. Ann Toucey, born May 4, 1733.
9. Thomas Toucey, born December 5, 1736.
10. Salmon Toucey, born February 20, 1738.
11. Amaryllis Toucey, born September 11, 1739.

* Hannah Toucey-Clarke and Hannah Grant-Mitchell were first cousins; the grandchildren of the two Hannahs, namely, *William* and *Esther Skidmore*, and their cousins of the Clarke line were third cousins of Donald Grant Mitchell.



Hon. Isaac Toucey

Governor of Connecticut, 1846-1848

Born at Newtown, in 1796; Died at Hartford, in 1869

GOVERNOR ISAAC TOUCEY OF CONNECTICUT.

Isaac Toucey* was the son of Oliver Toucey, Jr., of Newtown, Conn., and a great-grandson of Rev. Thomas Toucey, first minister at Newtown, Conn. He was born November 5, 1796, at Newtown.

He studied law with Honorable Asa Chapman, judge of the Supreme Court of Errors. He commenced the practice of law in the city of Hartford, Conn., when he was twenty-two years of age.

In 1822 he was elected state's attorney for Hartford County, which position he filled for many years.

Isaac Toucey was elected governor of the state of Connecticut in 1846.

In 1848 President Polk appointed Governor Toucey attorney-general of the United States and he remained in that position one year.

In 1851 Honorable Isaac Toucey was elected to the United States Senate and filled the responsible office for six years.

On March 6, 1857, President James Buchanan appointed Isaac Toucey secretary of the United States navy and he remained such until March, 1861.

He was offered after his retirement from the cabinet a place on the United States Supreme Court bench, but declined the position. He lived at Hartford during the remainder of his life, receiving many honors from his fellow citizens. He died July 30, 1869, aged seventy-three.

The "Judicial History of Connecticut" says of Honorable Isaac Toucey: "He was a very accurate lawyer, and regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in Connecticut. His private character was without a stain. He was a devout member of the Episcopal Church. His diction was strong and clear. In person he was tall and slender; his features fine. On all occasions he had the bearing of a high-toned gentleman."

A painting in oil of Governor Toucey hangs in the law library at the Capitol in Hartford, Conn.

It has been said that at the opening of the Civil War Secretary Toucey favored the Southern states, and it is generally thought that he was opposed to the prosecution of the war. However this may have been, he retained the love and admiration of his native state.

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* His father's sister, Hannah Toucey, was the mother of Maria Clarke Skidmore, the grandmother of the writer. (Hannah Toucey married Zachariah Clarke.) Governor Isaac Toucey and Maria Clarke Skidmore were therefore first cousins.

WHITEHEAD FAMILY OF LONG ISLAND—JEANNE SKIDMORE OF HUNTINGTON, L. I.

[1]**Jeanne Skidmore** married [1]Daniel Whitehead of Hempstead, L. I., and became the ancestress of one of the most prominent families on Long Island, a family that figured in the social and political life of the colonial days.

No records have been found by me that show whether she was a sister of [1]Thomas Skidmore, or of [1]Richard Skidmore; but she belonged to their generation and was without doubt "Jeanne Scudamore" of England, and a sister of one of these pioneers, I am inclined to think of Thomas Scudamore of Huntington, L. I.

I. [1]**Daniel Whitehead,** husband of [1]Jeanne Skidmore, was born in 1603, and died in 1668, his wife surviving him. He owned much land on Long Island; in 1653-54 he was a landowner at Smithtown and Huntington.

He is said to have been one of the patentees of Newtown, L. I., and a town surveyor and magistrate. He is usually spoken of as a settler at Hempstead, L. I.

His brothers were [1]Samuel and [1]Steven Whitehead of New Haven, Conn. [1]Daniel Whitehead was a man of wealth for those days; he made his wife executrix of his large estate, but it is said she declined to serve. The children of [1]Jeanne Skidmore and [1]Daniel Whitehead were:

1. [2]David.
2. [2]Jonathan.
3. [2]Thomas.
4. [2]Daniel.
5. [2]Adam.
6. [2]Jemima.
7. [2]Elizabeth.

II. [2]**Daniel Whitehead** [son of [1]**Jeanne Skidmore** and [1]Daniel Whitehead] was born in 1646, died 1704, married Abigail Stevenson. He was a patentee of Jamaica, L. I., where he died; he had a large estate; was major in the Colonial Troops, and a representative in the Colonial Assembly. He was a strong Royalist, and a man of prominence on Long Island. His children were: [3]Jonathan, [3]Thomas, [3]Deborah, [3]Elizabeth, [3]Mary, [3]Amy, [3]Mercy, [3]Abigail.

III. [3]Jonathan Whitehead, born 1672, died 1739, married Sarah Field. He was a member of the Colonial Assembly from 1705 to 1709.

His children were: [4]Daniel, [4]Abigail, [4]Charity, [4]Thomas, [4]Benjamin, [4]Sarah, [4]Deborah, [4]Susannah. [From record of Rev. John Cornell.]

IV. [4]Abigail Whitehead, born 1702, married John Cornell.

[4]Benjamin Whitehead of Jamaica, L. I., who died in 1779 or 1780, had the following children:

1. Benjamin Whitehead.
2. Daniel Whitehead.
3. Sarah Whitehead, who married Mr. Horsfield.
4. Abigail Whitehead, who married Samuel Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I.
5. Helena Whitehead, who married Mr. Cornell.
6. Elizabeth Whitehead, who married Mr. Cornell.
7. Mary Whitehead, who married Mr. Borden.

A Mary Whitehead married **John Skidmore** of Hempstead, L. I., in 1731. Elizabeth Whitehead, her sister, was the second wife of John Skidmore. They are supposed to have been daughters of Daniel Whitehead.

SKIDMORE AND CORNELL MARRIAGES.

Miss C. Skidmore married [6]Thomas Whitehead Cornell, who was baptized 1782, at Hempstead, L. I. Their children were:

1. Thomas Whitehead, who married Emeline.
2. Sarah A., who married John Mills of New York and received $3,000 from the will of her uncle, [6]Joseph Cornell.
3. Elizabeth, who married John Jordan of Brooklyn, N. Y., who received $2,000 from uncle.

I. **Emmeline Skidmore** [daughter of [6]William and Martha Burtis Skidmore] married on December 4, 1850, [7]Daniel Allen Cornell [son of [6]Walter J.], born June 5, 1827, at Cow Bay, L. I. Children of Emmeline Skidmore and [7]Daniel Allen Cornell were:

1. Martha, born 1856, died 1897, at Sands Point, married Robert L. Morrell in 1883; had a son Allen, born 1885.
2. Walter J., born 1864, married Amelia Goddard Powell in 1885 [daughter of William J. Powell of Brooklyn, N. Y.]; child, Lillian E., born 1886.
3. William Skidmore, born 1866, married Julia Estelle Smith of Port Washington in 1887.

II. **William A. Skidmore** [son of [6]William and Martha Burtis Skidmore], born March 4, 1839, died March 13, 1910, married Edeliza Elizabeth Seaman on January 28, 1857.

James C. Skidmore, married November 25, 1829, [8]Mary Cornell, born 1809 [daughter of [7]William Cornell of Clinton, Dutchess County, N. Y.]. They were Quakers. [From record of Rev. John Cornell.]

ADDENDUM

CHAPTER XLIII.

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PASTORS OF THE OLDEST CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, THE HISTORIC REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH OF NEW YORK CITY, KNOWN AS THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF NEW YORK CITY.

[The descendants of Captain Hubbard Skidmore and some other branches were communicants.]

Rev. Jonas Michaelius, 1628-1633.
Rev. Everardus Bogardus, 1633-1647.
Rev. Johannes Backerus, 1647-1649.
Rev. Johannes Megapolensis, 1649-1669.
Rev. Samuel Drisius, 1652-1673.
Rev. Samuel Megapolensis, 1664-1668.
Rev. Wilhelmus Van Niewenhuysen, 1671-1682.
Rev. Henricus Selyns, 1682-1701.
Rev. Gualterus DuBois, 1699-1751.
Rev. Henricus Boel, 1713-1754.
Rev. Johannes Ritzema, 1744-1784.
Rev. Lamburtus DeRonde, 1751-1784.
Rev. Archibald Laidlie, 1764-1779.
Rev. John Henry Livingstone, 1770-1812.
Rev. William Linn, 1785-1805.
Rev. Gerardus Kuypers, 1789-1833.
Rev. John Neilson Abeel, 1795-1812.
Rev. John Schureman, 1809-1812.
Rev. Jacob Brodhead, 1809-1813.
Rev. Philip Milledoler, 1813-1825.
Rev. John Know, 1816-1858.
Rev. Paschal N. Strong, 1816-1825.

Rev. William C. Brownlee, 1826-1860.
Rev. Thomas DeWitt, 1827-1874.
Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, 1839-1893.
Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, 1849-1896.
Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, 1862-1867.
Rev. James M. Ludlow, 1868-1877.
Rev. William Ormiston, 1870-1888.
Rev. Edward B. Coe, 1879-
Rev. David J. Burrell, 1891-
Rev. Donald Sage Mackay, 1899-
Rev. Henry E. Cobb, 1903-
Rev. John G. Fagg, 1903-
Rev. Malcom J. MacLeod, 1910-

There is but one Collegiate Church of New York; although this church maintains eight or more places of worship these congregations are under the care of one Consistory chosen from the membership in the eight or more churches. Each congregation has its own installed minister, but these ministers are colleagues and preside in turn at the meetings of the Consistory.

Each of the eight or more churches has a tablet, which gives the following facts:

(Collegiate.)
Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York
Organized under Peter Minuit,
Director-General of New Netherlands,
A. D. 1628.
Chartered by William III., King of England, A. D. 1696.

RECTORS OF TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY.

[Samuel Tredwell Skidmore, Sr., was warden and vestryman in this church.]

The following are the names of the rectors who have served Trinity Church, from its founding to the present time:

Rev. William Vesey, appointed February 6, 1697, died July 11, 1746.

Rev. Henry Barclay, appointed October 17, 1746, died August 20, 1764.

Rev. Samuel Auchmuty, appointed August 28, 1764, died March 4, 1777.

Rt. Rev. Charles Inglis, D. D., appointed March 20, 1770, resigned November 1, 1783.

Rt. Rev. Samuel Provoost, D. D., appointed April 22, 1784, resigned November 1, 1800.

Rt. Rev. Benjamin Moore, D. D., appointed December 22, 1800, died February 27, 1816.

Rt. Rev. John Henry Hobart, D. D., appointed March 11, 1816, died September 12, 1830.

Rev. William Berrian, D. D., appointed October 11, 1830, died November 7, 1862.

Rev. Morgan Dix, D. D., appointed November 10, 1862, died April 29, 1908.

Rev. William T. Manning, D. D., the present rector, appointed 1910.

RECTORS OF ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HEMPSTEAD, L. I.

[Members of the Skidmore family were baptized and married in this church.]

Rev. John Thomas, 1704-1724.
Rev. Robert Jenny, 1725-1742.
Rev. Samuel Seabury, 1742-1764.
Rev. Leonard Cutting, 1766-1784.
Rev. Thomas Moore, 1785-1799.
Rev. John Hobart, 1800-
Rev. Seth Hart, 1801-1829.
Rev. Richard Hall, 1829-1834.
Rev. William Carmichael, 1834-1843.
Rev. O. Harriman.
Rev. William Henry Moore.
Rev. Creighton Spencer.
Rev. J. K. Cooke.
Rev. Charles Snedeker, present rector (1911).

PASTORS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JAMAICA, L. I. ORGANIZED IN 1662.

Rev. Zechariah Walker.
Rev. John Prudden.
Rev. William Woodruff.

Rev. George Phillips.
Rev. Jeremiah Hobart.
Rev. John Hubbard.
Rev. Francis Goodhue.
Rev. George McNish.
Rev. Robert Cross.
Rev. Walter Wilmot.
Rev. David Bostwick.
Rev. Elihu Spencer, D. D.
Rev. Benoni Bradner.
Rev. William Mills.
Rev. Matthias Burnet, D. D.
Rev. George Faitoute.
Rev. Henry R. Weed, D. D.
Rev. Seymour P. Funck.
Rev. Elias W. Crane.
Rev. James M. Macdonald.
Rev. Peter D. Oakey.
Rev. Lewis Lampman.
Rev. J. Howard Hobbs.
Rev. Benjamin E. Dickhaut, present incumbent (1910).

MINISTERS IN THE PRIME ANCIENT SOCIETY OF FAIRFIELD, CONN. (CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH). FOUNDED IN 1639.

Rev. John Jones, 1644-1664.
Rev. Samuel Wakeman, 1665-1692.
Rev. Joseph Webb, 1694-1732.
Rev. Noah Hobart, 1733-1773.
Rev. Andrew Eliot, 1774-1805.
Rev. Heman Humphrey, D. D., LL. D., 1807-1817.
Rev. Nathaniel Hewit, D. D., 1818-1827.
Rev. John Hunter, 1828-1834.
Rev. Lyman H. Atwater, D. D., LL. D., 1833-1854.
Rev. Willis Lord, D. D., LL. D., 1854-1856.
Rev. Alexander McLean, D. D., 1857-1866.
Rev. Edward E. Rankin, D. D., 1866-1879.
Rev. George S. Burroughs, D. D., LL. D., 1880-1884.
Rev. John E. Bushnell, D. D., 1884-1888.
Rev. Frank S. Child, D. D., present pastor, 1888-1911.

PASTORS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, STRATFORD, CONN.

Rev. Adam Blakeman, 1639-1665.
Rev. Israel Chauncey, 1665-1703.
Rev. Timothy Cutler, 1709-1719.
Rev. Hezekiah Gold, 1722-1752.
Rev. Israhiah Wetmore, 1753-1780.
Rev. Stephen W. Stebbins, 1784-1813.
Rev. Matthew R. Dutton, 1814-1821.
Rev. Joshua Leavitt, 1825-1828.
Rev. Thomas Robbins, 1830-1831.
Rev. Frederick W. Chapman, 1832-1838.
Rev. William Bouton Weed, 1839-1855.
Rev. Joseph R. Page, 1857-1858.
Rev. Benjamin L. Swan, 1858-1862.
Rev. Louis R. Charpiot, 1864-1866.
Rev. William K. Hall, 1866-1872.
Rev. Frank S. Fitch, 1873-1878.
Rev. Samuel Howard Dana, 1879-1881.
Rev. Joel S. Ives, 1883-1899.
Rev. Cyrus F. Stimson, 1900-1904.
Rev. Edward N. Packard, present pastor, 1904-1911.

LIST OF RECTORS OF CHRIST CHURCH, STRATFORD, CONN.

[[3]John Skidmore (Scudamore) was one of the founders of this church.]

Rev. George Muirson, 1707-1708.
Rev. Francis Philips, 1712-1713.
Rev. George Pigot, 1722-1723.
Rev. Samuel Johnson, D. D., 1723-1754.

In 1743 Oxford University gave Samuel Johnson the degree of D. D. In 1754 he was chosen first president of Columbia College, N. Y. (Kings), and continued such until 1763, when he returned to Stratford and remained until his death in 1772. Dr. Johnson was a man of unusual scholarly attainments. The Rev. Samuel Johnson is said to have planted many of the elm trees on the Main Street of Stratford, which are now of grand proportions.

Rev. Edward Winslow, 1754-1764.

Rev. Samuel Johnson, D. D., 1764-1772.
Rev. Ebenezer Kneeland, 1772-1777.
Rev. John R. Marshall, 1780-1782.
Rev. Jeremiah Leaming, D. D., 1784-1790.
Rev. James Sayre, 1790-1792.
Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, 1793-1824.
Rev. Edward Rutledge, 1824-1829.
Rev. George C. Shepard, 1829-1839.
Rev. Edwin W. Wiltbank, 1839-1842.
Rev. Alfred A. Miller, 1842-1843.
Rev. John Morgan, 1844-1846.
Rev. Joseph Scott, 1846-1849.
Rev. John A. Paddock, 1849-1855.
Rev. John Stearns, 1855-1862.
Rev. Daniel C. Weston, D. D., 1863-1873.
Rev. Charles H. Strong, 1874-1878.
Rev. David L. Loundsbury, 1878-1879.
Rev. Arthur Sloan, 1880-1884.
Rev. Beverly E. Warner, 1884-1886.
Rev. William B. Walker, 1886-1888.
Rev. Charles L. Pardee, 1889-1891.
Rev. N. Ellsworth Cornwall, present rector, 1892-1911.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTOWN. CONN.

[In which many of the Skidmore family worshiped.]

The 175th anniversary of this church was observed September 21-22, in the year 1907.

1. Rev. John Beach was the first rector from 1732-1782 (fifty years). For eight years previous to 1732, Rev. John Beach was the minister over the Congregational Church at Newtown, Conn., but entered the Episcopal communion about 1732.

2. Rev. Philo Perry, rector 1787-1798.

3. Rev. Daniel Burhans, rector 1799-1830.

4. Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, rector 1831-1839.

5. Rev. S. S. Stocking, rector 1841-1848.

6. Rev. Horace Hills, rector 1849-1849.

7. Rev. William M. Carmichael, D. D., rector 1850-1852.

8. Rev. Benjamin W. Stone, D. D., rector 1852-1856.

9. Rev. Newton E. Marble, D. D., rector 1857-1878.

10. Rev. Thomas W. Haskins, rector 1878-1880.
11. Rev. G. M. Wilkinson, rector 1881-1889.
12. Rev. G. T. Linsley, rector 1890-1902.
13. Rev. James H. George, rector 1902-1911.

BAPTISMS OF MEMBERS OF THE SKIDMORE FAMILY IN HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP, L. I., PRESERVED BY REV. E. PRIME.

Hannah C. Scidmore, June 5, 1734.
Daniel Scidmore, June 5, 1734.
Deborah Scidmore, June 5, 1734.
Peter Scidmore, June 5, 1734.
Temperance Scidmore, June 5, 1734.
Thomas Scidmore, June 5, 1734.
Mary Scidmore, June 5, 1734.
John Scidmore, June 5, 1734.
Grace Scidmore, June 5, 1731.
Abigail Scidmore, June 5, 1731.
Phebe Scidmore, August 1, 1736.
Rachael Scidmore, April 22, 1739.
Thomas Scidmore, August 23, 1741.
Philip Scidmore, June 24, 1744.
David Scidmore, February 18, 1746.
Nathaniel Scidmore, 1753.
Peter Scidmore, 2d, 1755.
Sarah Scidmore, June 13, 1756.
Michael Scidmore, October 15, 1758.
Timothy Scidmore, April 5, 1761.
Mary Scidmore, June 6, 1773.

MARRIAGES OF MEMBERS OF THE SKIDMORE FAMILY IN HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP, L. I., PRESERVED BY REV. E. PRIME.

January 15, 1729, David Scidmore married Abigail Dennis.
October 14, 1736, Sarah Scidmore, married Joshua Arthur.
August 25, 1738, Thomas Scidmore married Hulda Smith.
May 30, 1739, John Scidmore, Jr., married Elizabeth Brush.
January 6, 1741, Elizabeth Scidmore married Joseph Saxton.
June 26, 1746, Rebecca Scidmore married Mr. Joseph Brush.

October 13, 1751, Mary Scidmore married Obadiah Smith.
March 23, 1751, Esther Scidmore married Israel Ketchem.
March 16, 1751, Joseph Scidmore, Jr., son of Joseph, married Elizabeth Abbott.
November 13, 1753, Susanna Scidmore married James Bishop.
May 18, 1756, Grace Scidmore married Eliphelet Wood.
December 16, 1762, Hannah Scidmore married Josiah Wickes.
November 5, 1765, Nathan Scidmore married Sarah Smith.
June 4, 1772, Philip Scidmore married Margaret Wicks.

The Register of baptisms and marriages, kept by the Rev. Joshua Hartt, covering the period from 1775 to about 1825, and confined almost exclusively to the towns of Huntington and Smithtown, L. I., will soon be printed in the "New York Genealogical and Biographical Record" of New York, as I am informed by Mr. Tunis B. Burr.

EARLY TOWN GRANTS TO SKIDMORES, HUNTINGTON, L. I.

Vol. I., pg. 121 records that on July 1, 1668, Thomas Skidmore was given by town grant the "Reed Pond" on the south side of "Eastfield."

Vol. I., pg. 292 records that in 1681 Thomas Skidmore, Sr., was granted land, near Epenetus Plats, on which to set a house and shop, if he will continue among us, and do our "Smith work" for us; otherwise it will revert to the town.

Vol. I., pg. 359 records that in April, 1683, Thomas Scidmore was given twenty acres in "Bread and Cheese Hollow" and twenty acres in Crabmeadow Neck.

Thomas Skidmore, Jr., had land at Crabmeadow September 26, 1687. Vol. I., pg. 505.

Vol. I., pg. 361 records that in April, 1683, Thomas Brush deeded to Thomas Skidmore, Jr., of Fresh Pond, Huntington, all his right in a "500 pound right in Crabmeadow."

To John Scidmore, Jr., of Crabmeadow, on November 1, 1684, deed from Andrew Gibb of Brookhaven of land at Crabmeadow, six acres. (This land once belonged to Thomas Scidmore, deceased.) Vol. I., pg. 401.

To John Scidmore, Jr., on May 18, 1686, deed from John Golding and wife Grace, of land, eighteen acres, on Fresh Pond Neck, near the "burying ground" and leading to Crabmeadow. Vol. I., pg. 442.

To John Scidmore, Jr., on September 20, 1687, was granted by the town of Huntington twenty acres in "Bread and Cheese Hollow."

In tracing the residences of the early pioneers of the Skidmore family on Long Island, it seems clear, that: Thomas Skidmore, the ancestor, whose name is on the Huntington Patent, came directly from Connecticut to Huntington, and that Richard Skidmore came by way of Massachusetts to Southold first, where he received a grant of land on November 22, 1658, but his descendants came by way of Brookhaven to Huntington later on.

PROBATE MATTERS, SUFFOLK COUNTY, N. Y., AND FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONN.

Judge Timothy M. Griffing is the County Judge of Suffolk County, Riverhead, L. I. (1910).

William G. Nicoll is Surrogate of Surrogates' Court, Suffolk County, Riverhead, L. I. (1910).

Record of wills in this court begins in 1787—prior to that date they are found in New York County.

Nassau County was formed January 1, 1899. Records before this date are at Queens County office of the Surrogate at Jamaica, N. Y.

The Lester Will Book in two volumes covers the period from 1669-1684. The book known as "Sessions No. 1," contains early wills. It is in the office of the county judge at Riverhead.

The will of [1]Thomas Skidmore is at probate office, Fairfield, Conn. Will made April 20, 1684, and recorded December, 1684.

The will of [2]John Skidmore of Jamaica, L. I., proven July 9, 1680, at a Court of Sessions held at Jamaica, and confirmed December 13, 1680.

The will of [3]John Skidmore, Sr., of Huntington, L. I., was proven February 17, 1737. [New York Surrogates' Office, Liber 13, pg. 191.]

The will of [4]John Skidmore, Jr., proven February 17, 1762, in Surrogates' Office, New York County.

Will of Lieutenant [4]Thomas Skidmore of Newtown, Conn., dated February 24, 1761, recorded at Probate Court, Danbury, Conn., September 1, 1761.

Will of Peter Skidmore of Brookhaven, L. I., made in 1800, devises property to wife, Mary; and to children, William, Michael, Richard, Hezekiah, Peter, John, Timothy, Samuel, Sarah, Abigail, Mary, Elizabeth, and Samuel, a grandson.

Will of Thomas Skidmore of Huntington, L. I., made in 1808, mentions wife, Phebe; sons, Jones, Jesse, David; and daughters, Charlotte, Mary, Abigail.

Isaac Skidmore of Huntington, L. I., made will 1816. Bequests are made to wife, Hannah; to his children Nathaniel, Timothy, and John; and to the children of his late son, Joseph.

Will of Peter Skidmore, 2d, of Brookhaven, L. I., made in 1842, mentions wife, Hannah; and children, Abigail, Caroline, Albert, Daniel, Franklin, Eliza Eleanor, Hannah, Amelia, the last three being possibly grandchildren.

Will of Cornelius Suydam of Oyster Bay, L. I., dated 1759, mentions the following sons: Jacobus Suydam, Ferdinandus Suydam, John Suydam, Johanes Suydam, Cornelius Suydam, Hendrick Suydam. Connected by marriage with Skidmore family.

Will of Joshua Arthur of Smithtown, L. I., 1774. He left a wife, Charity, and children: Sarah Arthur, Rubin Arthur, Jesse Arthur, Eliphalet Arthur. Connected with Skidmore family.

Samuel Smith of Huntington, L. I., made a will in 1779. He mentions his wife, Esther; his sons, Nathaniel Smith, Daniel Smith, Samuel Smith, David Smith; his daughters, Mrs. Esther Fleet, Mrs. Sarah Skidmore (Nathan), Mrs. Martha Mills, Mrs. Elizabeth Ireland, Anne Smith.

William Ludlum of Jamaica, L. I., made his will July 1, 1766. He mentions therein his wife, Patience Ludlum, and three daughters, namely: Mary Ludlum, wife of Amos Denton, Elizabeth Ludlum, wife of Mr. Everitt, Judith Ludlum (Skidmore). He mentions three sons, viz.: Nicholas Ludlum, William Ludlum, Daniel Ludlum, and a grandson, William Skidmore, son of Judith and Jeremiah Skidmore of New York City.

SKIDMORES IN NEW YORK CITY DIRECTORY.

1797.

Whilliam Skidmore, carpenter, 6 Division Street.

1804.

Hubbard Skidmore, shipmaster, Lombard Street.
Joseph Skidmore, shoemaker, Third Street.
John Skidmore, grocer, 87 Bowery.
John Skidmore, ship carpenter, 82 Catherine Street.
Lemuel Skidmore, grocer, 173 Greenwich Street.

In 1827 and 1828.

Jeremiah Skidmore, 101 Orchard Street.
John Skidmore, Broome Street.
John Skidmore, 121 Lewis Street.
Joseph Skidmore, 45 Crosby Street.
Lemuel Skidmore, merchant, 77 Provost Street.
Mary Skidmore, 155 Division Street.
Nancy Skidmore, 286 North Street.
Nathan Skidmore, 171 Eldridge Street.
Robert E. Skidmore, dry goods, 448 Pearl Street.
Samuel Skidmore, Broome and Attorney Streets.
Samuel Skidmore, furrier, Suffold and North Streets.
Samuel T. Skidmore, merchant, Cedar and William Streets.
Sullivan Skidmore, 174 Madison Street.
Abigail Skidmore, 33 Hamilton Street.
Widow John Skidmore, 32 Dey Street.
L. & W. Skidmore, merchants, 127 Chatham Street.
R. & B. Skidmore, dry goods, 448 Pearl Street.
Skidmore & Wilkins, dry goods, 145 Pearl St,
Skidmore & Co., 15 Exchange Place.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

The state of New York has published two volumes containing rosters of troops who served in the War of the Revolution, namely: "The State Archives," Vol. I., 1887, and "New York in the Revolution," 1898. They are copies of the originals on file in the comptroller's office, Albany, N. Y.

State of New York.

Report of State Historian.

1897.

Colonial Series.

Queens County, Jamaica, L. I.

Captain John Carpenter's Company.

1. Vol. I., pg. 493. Samuel Skidmore, a member of said company.
2. Vol. I., pg. 903. A muster roll of Captain Ephraim Morse's company, April 11, 1759. John Skidmore, born Hempstead South (L. I.) 1740, a member of said company, Queens county, L. I.

3. Vol. I., pg. 924. A muster roll of men raised in Richmond county, Staten Island. Captain Arrosmith's company, April, 1759, Ralph Skidmore, a member of said company, born Staten Island, 1740.
4. Vol. I., pg. 415. Major Peter Schuyler's company, June 17, 1692, Samuel Skidmore, Queens county, L. I
5. Vol. II., pg. 976. A muster roll of men raised and passed in the county of Suffolk, for the company of Captain Jesse Platt, April, 1760, Thomas Skidmore, age forty-six (hence born in 1714), birthplace, Huntington, L. I.

The state of Connecticut has compiled by authority of the General Assembly under the direction of the Adjutant-General, three volumes, namely: "Connecticut Men in the (I.) War of the Revolution, (II.) War of 1812, (III.) Mexican War."

PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES—ORDER OF THE CINCINNATI.

The General Society of the Cincinnati was organized at cantonment of the American Army, on Hudson River, May 10, 1783, by officers of the army who served three years, to commemorate the success of the army of this country and the establishment of the United States. The Society was named for Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus.

Later state societies were organized in the thirteen original states. Descendants of officers are eligible to membership. Mr. Linus T. Fenn, of Hartford, Conn., is assistant secretary of the Society of Cincinnati in Connecticut.

MR. JOHN A. STEVENS, FOUNDER OF SONS OF REVOLUTION IN 1876.*

Mr. John Austin Stevens was founder and first president of the **Sons of the Revolution,** and one of the greatest civilian figures in the Civil War and a writer of note on historical and financial subjects.

Mr. Stevens was born in New York and came of a family which had resided in New York more than a century and which had rendered distinguished service at the time of the Revolution. His father, John A. Stevens, a distinguished banker, made a famous loan to the government in the critical days of 1862.

*Compiled from press notices at time of his death.

After receiving his early training in the New York Grammar School and in the celebrated French academy of Mr. Peugnet, Mr. Stevens was graduated from Harvard in 1846.

In the fall of 1860 he organized and directed the series of public meetings at the Cooper Institute, when Chase, Grow, Doubleday and others rallied the people to the election of Lincoln.

He was Secretary of the Treasury Note Committee which raised money to carry on the Civil War, and it was due to his suggestion that the imprint pledging the entire customs revenue in coin to the payment of the interest on the public debts was placed on the bonds of the United States.

In the spring of 1862 Mr. Stevens drew up a short document which pledged the lives and fortunes of citizens to maintain the national integrity. He posted it on the buildings of several newspapers, and thereupon nearly ten thousand persons affixed their signatures to the pledge. A public meeting of the signers was called at Cooper Institute, a council was formed, and out of this grew the Loyal National League. Mr. Stevens later formed branches of the league all over New York State, and the members met in a great convention in Utica.

Mr. Stevens was chosen secretary of the New York Chamber of Commerce in 1862. While secretary he founded the large gallery of portraits of merchants and other persons which now adorns its walls. He organized the National War Committee, and the plan of depot camps suggested by him received the approval of the War Department. In the fall of 1862, on the representations of Governor Hamilton, William Alexander and other citizens who had escaped from Texas, Mr. Stevens organized an expedition for the relief of that state. Power was given him by the Secretary of the Treasury to open the ports of Texas. He took under his special charge the recruiting of the Fifty-first Regiment, New York State Volunteers, and kept it in the field from the beginning to the close of the war.

In 1868, after organizing the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Chamber of Commerce and publishing the Colonial records of the Chamber, Mr. Stevens resigned his position and went to Europe. He saw the downfall of the French Empire and the proclamation of the French Republic while there.

In December, 1875, Mr. Stevens conceived the idea of forming a patriotic society on the order of the Cincinnati, yet more democratic in its plans, and admitting the descendants of those who served in

the military, naval and civil services at the time of the Revolution. With this end in view, he issued a call for the meeting held in the rooms of the New York Historical Society, on Second Avenue, on February 22, 1876, which led to the formation of the society which has spread to every state of the Union.

He was later appointed librarian of the New York Historical Society. In 1877 he founded the Magazine of American History, which he edited till 1882.

Mr. Stevens died in 1910, in the eighty-third year of his age.

MRS. FLORA A. DARLING, FOUNDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Mrs. Flora Adams Darling was a lineal descendant of John Quincy Adams, and the founder of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United States Daughters of 1812.

She was born in Lancaster, N. H., in 1840, the daughter of Harvey and Nancy Dustin Adams. After her marriage to General Edward Darling she went to Louisiana to live. Her husband became a Confederate officer and was killed during the war.

After the war Mrs. Darling founded the Daughters of the American Revolution, and then bent her efforts toward the establishment of the Daughters of the Revolution and the United States Daughters of 1812. In both societies she held the highest offices.

She was the author of "Mrs. Darling's Letters or Memories of the War," "A Social Diplomat," "History of the Daughters of the American Revolution," "History of the Daughters of the Revolution," and "Societies of a Patriotic Order." She also wrote "The Senator's Daughter," "Senator Athens, C. S. A.," and "Memories of Virginia."

Mrs. Darling died in 1910, being seventy years of age.

The actual work accomplished by the local D. A. R. in New York State and in Connecticut has fully vindicated its right to exist. Memorials in stone and bronze mark historic spots which impress upon the younger generations the great facts of our national life.

The ancient and neglected burying grounds, where the early settlers were interred long ago, have been carefully guarded by the D. A. R., the grounds in some cases fashioned into parks, with memorial gateways.

To the **Berlin, Conn.**, D. A. R. is due the honor of taking the initial steps in the recent agitation for a **Women's College** in the state of

Conservatory of Music of the Skidmore School of Arts, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Founded by Mrs. J. Blair Scribner in Memory of Joseph Russell Skidmore

Connecticut. Aided by the women's clubs, the first college for women in Connecticut has been incorporated under the general laws of the state, to be located at New London, where a campus of three hundred acres on the west bank of the Thames has already been donated. The Women's College will be opened in 1912.

THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY.

The Huguenot Society of America, 29 West 39th Street, New York City, was organized April 11, 1883, to perpetuate the memory and to foster and promote the principles and virtues of the Huguenots.

EASTNOR MANOR HOUSE, HEREFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND.

Lady Henry Somerset, owner of Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire, was the daughter of Earl Somers, Viscount Eastnor. Her marriage to Lord Henry Somerset took place in 1873. Her only son, Henry Somers Somerset, was born in 1874, and married a daughter of the Duke of St. Albans. Lady Henry Somerset is a philanthropist, and a public speaker of great power on temperance and kindred subjects. She resides usually at her villa known as the Priory, located in the village of Reigate.

She founded a farm colony called "Duxhurst House" for inebriate women, which is five miles from the Priory, and quite near Eastnor Manor House. Lady Henry Somerset visited America first in 1891; she became a co-worker with the late Frances E. Willard in the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and her devoted friend until the latter's death.

The family of Lord Somerset was by marriage connected with the Scudamore family of Herefordshire.

POST OFFICES.

There are post offices by the name of **Skidmore** in Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Texas, and West Virginia.

THE SKIDMORE SCHOOL OF ARTS.

The Young Women's Industrial Club of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., founded and equipped in 1903 by Mrs. J. Blair Scribner [daughter of

Joseph Russell Skidmore of New York City] has recently received a Charter under the Regents of the University of the State of New York and is now the **Skidmore School of Arts of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.** On September 1, 1911, its doors will be open to young men and women seeking a practical education at or near cost, thus perfecting the aim with which it was started some eight years ago.

The buildings which now constitute the **Skidmore School of Arts,** are:

(1) **Skidmore Hall**—a four-story building facing Circular and Spring Streets, containing nearly one hundred sleeping rooms for resident women students, also a library and reading room.

(2) **The Class Building**—a new five-story building overlooking the Park, is occupied by class rooms and recitation halls in the departments of Household Arts and Science, and Commercial Courses.

The **Commercial Course** meets the requirements in the Syllabus of the educational department of the State of New York.

The **Household Arts Department** fits students to become professional workers in the various branches of household arts and sciences.

(3) **The Conservatory of Music**—a three-story building fronting Regent Street, is the center of the Department of Music and provides music and study rooms; also a fine auditorium, seating nearly four hundred persons; and a chapel, gymnasium, laboratory and baths.

The **Conservatory of Music** aims to provide a thorough training in the science and art of **music,** and is a four-years' course in sight-reading, dictation, theory, history and languages; it provides training for those who desire to fit themselves to become supervisors of music in public schools. Alfred Hallam, one of the most widely known musical instructors in this country, is at the head of this department; he was a pupil of Sir Joseph Barnby and Sir John Stainer, and identified with Frank Damrosch; he was musical director of Chautauqua Institute, New York, for years.

All of these buildings with their beautiful equipments are the gift of Mrs. J. Blair Scribner in memory of her father, the late Joseph Russell Skidmore of New York City.

The Skidmore School of Arts is undenominational and the life of the school is Christian.

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Ridgway Line

Prepared by James Ridgway

1 Leofric 1. First Earl of Leicester Line
Born abt. 680 2 Chester. A. D. 716. Line of King Ethelbald (716 to 774)
Arms, Or, an eagle displayed cab
Crest, a regal crown, Or, surmount
by an eagle, displayed cable.

2 His son,
Algar 1. 2nd Earl Leicester etc. Prime
Minister to Kenulf, King of Mercia
Signed Charter of Crayland.

His son,
Algar 2. A. D. 819 granted a charter
to Crayland of his manor of
Baston.

4 His son
Leofric 2. 4th Earl of Leicester, etc.

5 His son
Leofwine 5th Earl of Leicester, etc
7th Earl Hereford.
1st Earl or Duke of Mercia
A. D. 1017
Married Alwara d. of
Athelstan Mannesson Duke
of East Angles by his wife
Alfwena d. of Athelstan
1st King of All England
grandson of Alfred the Gre

His son,
Leofric 3. The Great, 6th Earl
Leicester, etc. & 2nd Earl of
Mercia. Married Godiva
Countess of Coventry, d. of
Sherold, Earl of Lincoln &
Coventry. Leffric 3 died
Aug 31 - 1057.

His son
Algar 3 7th Earl of Leicester, etc.
created 1st Earl of East Anglia
1057. Married Elgiva
d. of William Mallet, Seigneur
de Montfort - His arms (Seigneur
de Mallett's) Azure, 3 escallops
or. Algar died a monk
at Abbey of St. Vcheins.

His son
Edwyne 8th Earl Leicester etc.
Premier Earl in England
in 1066. Last Earl of Mercia

His son
Asser of Edinghall in Staffordshire
married daughter of
William the Conqueror.

Their son
Asser Jeune Lord of the Manor of
Netherton in Worcestershire

~~Married daughter of William de Fanet.~~
Wis son

11
William Jeune – Lord of Edinghal
& Netherton & Lord of Matilda
Kydeware – married d.
Sir ~~William~~ de ~~Fanet~~.

12
Wis son
Sir William Le Sage de Kydeware
Knight before 1182 a d.
arms, azure, an eagle
displayed argent –

13
Wis son
Sir Walter de Kydeware
Married Matilda d.
Sir Nicholas de Peche.

14
Wis son
Walter de Kydeware, Lord of Kyde
1282 m. Ellen Fitz Herbe

15
Wis son
Sir Thomas de Kydeware, Kt
Married 1st Margaret, 2nd Sea
Living in 1325. Died before 132
Sir Thomas prepared a
family Chartelary in 13
Second year of Edward
Wis son

From records of the Tower of London - Year 1347. (Edward III)

"King to all bailiffs and others his liege subjects to whom these presents shall come, etc., greetings. Be it known unto you that whereas Cecely, who was the wife of John Ridgway, was lately indicted for the murder of the said John, her husband, and brought to her trial for the same before the beloved & faithful Henry Grove and his brother judges at Nottingham but that continuing mute and refusing to plead to the same indictment she was sentenced to be committed to close custody, without any victuals or drink, for the space of forty days, which she miraculously and even contrary to the course of human nature, went through, as we are well and fully assured from persons of undoubted credit we do therefore for that reason and from a principle of piety to the glory of God and of the Blessed Virgin His Mother, by whom it is thought this miracle was wrought, out of special grace & favor pardon the said Cecely from the further execution of the sentence upon her; and our will & pleasure is that she be freed from the said prison, and no further trouble be given her upon the account of said sentence, etc. In witness whereof etc.

Robert de Kydenare or Kugewaye
Born about 1314, d. about 1375
His son Richard Kugewaye

Richard Kugewaye, b. 1344 -
Died about 1400.
His son

John Kidgway b. 1375, d. 1450.
New coat of arms - argent, on a chevron engrailed gules, between 3 peacocks' heads erased, azure, ducally gorged, or, as many trefoils slipped, or, with the crest a demi lion rampant, gules, holding an eagle's wing argent.
His son

Richard Kidgway. b. 1410. d. 1465
his son

Stephen Kidgway, Steward of City of Exeter. Sixth of Edward 4th (1466) & Mayor of Exeter Fourth year of Henry 7th, 1489 to 1499.
His son

John Kidgway, Dias Peacock

of Abbot Cardwell, Devonshire
Member of Parliament for
Exeter in Queen Mary's ei
married 1553 to 1558 Elizabeth d. & heiress of John Newford or Newsworth of Newton a
His son

22
Thomas Ridgway of Torre Mohun
Tonwood Grange & Torre
Abbey, Devonshire.
Born 1510
Died June 1598.
Married Mary d. of Sir
Thomas Southcote & Grace
Barnhouse.
Their son

23
Sir Thomas Ridgway, Knight,
Baronet, Baron.
1st Earl of Londonderry.
Born 1560 or 1561.
Died January 24, 1631
New coat of arms, May 4, 1
by Queen Elizabeth,
Sable a pair of eagle's wi
conjoined & elevated, arge
Crest, a dromedary, conc

created Bore of Londonderry 23rd August 1622.

ee m. John Bouville of
ny-Budge, Co. Devon after-
wand of Comb-Raleigh, Co. Devon
born abt. 1455.
Catherine m. Nicholas Kirkham
of Warsh, Co Devon
Margaret m. John Barnhouse
of Warsh Co Devon
Grace married Thomas Southcote
of Bovey-Tracey, Co Devon,
Living 1571
Mary m. Thomas Ridgway of
Torre Abbey, Co. Devon
born abt. 1570 - d. 1598.
Sir Thomas Ridgway 1st Earl of
Londonderry, b. abt. 1550 - d. 1631
Sir Robert Ridgway 2nd Earl
b. abt 1590 - d. 1640
Robert Ridgway, of Torre Abbey
Devon, Bapt. Aug. 24 - 1631
Richard Ridgway b. abt. 1654 came to
America 1679 - d. in 1723

1 William de Mowbray of Axholm
Co. Lincoln died 1222. A
Magna Charta Surety. (His eld
brother, Roger de Mowbray who O.S.
1217, was also Magna Charta Bar
2 Roger de Mowbray of Axholm
Co. Lincoln d. 1266.
3. Elizabeth m. Adam de Newma
of Yorkshire d. about 1265
4 Roger de Newmarch - (living 131
5. Elizabeth m. William de Watter
6. Hugh de Watterton
7. Blanche m. Robert de Challon
Comb-Raleigh, Co. Devon.
8. Berengara m. John St Aubyn
of Comb-Raleigh, Co Devon
9. Joanna m. William Stemus o
Stemys of Comb Raleigh, Co

My American Line -

1. Richard Ridgway b. abt. 1654.
(son of Robert, 4th son & youngest child of Sir Robert Ridgway, 2nd Earl of Londonderry who d. Mar 18, 1640.)
M. Elizabeth Chamberlayne in 1676
Came to America 1679. D. 1723.
His son

2. Thomas. b. in England 1677.
M. 1st Ann Pharo.
" 2nd Elizabeth Andrews, whose grandmother Hannah Wright, a Quakeress was quite noted.
Son of Thomas & Elizabeth was

3. Joseph, b. Sept 20. 1709.
* Married Mary Smith, dau of Daniel & grand daughter of Richard Smith, Patentee of Smithtown.
Their son

4. Joseph, b. July 16, 1750.
M. Sarah Lawrence -
was captured & incarcerated by the British in Provost's Prison New York, for Revolutionary sentiments
Drowned in N. S. Bay Aug. 1786.
Their son

5 Joseph, b. 1779. d. 1837.
Married Mary Neely Teller.
dau of Tobias Teller, a Rev. soldier

Their son

6 James Lawrence Ridgway b. 1804, drowned in Atlantic Ocean Jan. 1856 M. Sarah Maria Skidmore dau. of Hubbard Skidmore, a Rev. Soldier.

Their son

7. Dr. Frank Ridgway b. 1840. d. 1911. was Surgeon of 74th Regt U. S. Vols. 1861–1864. Married Mary Helen Racey, dau. of Charles Edwin Racey.

Their children

8. Mary Racey Ridgway
Clara Ridgway.

* Mary Smith, grand daughter of Patentee Richard Smith, was widow of — Rogers before she married Joseph Ridgway afterward of Staten Island, U. S. The latter rode on horseback from his former home at Tuckerton, N. J. to marry her and after some time they purchased a large place at "Long Neck" Staten Island, known then as the Ridgway place.

argent, mane sable, bridle & trappings or - Motto. Mihi gravats Deus. ("Lord, let the burden rest on me.")

Married Cecily Mac William a maid of honor of Queen Elizabeth, d. of Henry Mac William of Stanbourne Co. Essex Esq. a Gentleman Pensioner of Queen Elizabeth. These Gentlemen Pensioners were a band of cavalry instituted by Henry VIII in 1509 as a body guard of the sovereign on coronation.

Sir Thomas Kedgway owned & commanded a private ship of war in 1597 which was employed in the attack & capture of Fayal with Sir Walter Raleigh the Earl of Essex. King James speaks of Sir Thomas as his "well beloved & faithful liege subject & counsel Thomas Kedgway Knight Baronet descended of an ancient family".

24 His son
Sir Robert Ridgway of Lorre
Born 1590 2nd Earl of Londonderry
Died March 18, 1640.
Married Elizabeth Westo
dau. of Sir Simon Weston. Kn
Lichfield
25 His son
Robert Ridgway - 4th son &
youngest child
Baptized Aug. 24, 1631
26 His son
Richard Ridgway. b. about 16
Married Elizabeth
Chamberlayne in 1670
Dau. of Robert & Elizabeth Chamberlayne of Wiltshire
Died Sept. 29, 1722 Came to America in 1671
Died 1723. wife Elizabeth died Mar. 31 - 1692
27 His son
Thomas Ridgway born in
England July 25 1677. Died Aug 24-1
Came as an infant to
America, 1677
Married Ann Phar
Andrews
Second wife was Elizabeth Andrews, mother
married Nov. 6 - 1718
His son

Joseph Ridgway, married Mary Smith (widow of Rogers) born June 3, 1717
grand daughter of Richard Smith patentee of Smithtown, L.I. 1745. died Jan 28. 1771 aged 48.

Ties son

24 Joseph Ridgway born July 16, 1750. Married Sarah Lawrence, born Feb. 27, 1759. died 1823 d. of James Lawrence. Was captured by the British & incarcerated in Provost's Prison in New York City for sending a message to Gen. Washington. Drowned in N. S. Bay in August, 1786

Lawrence

30 Ties son

Joseph Ridgway, born Oct 14th 1779 died Feb 13rd 1837. Married Mary Neely Teller, d. of Tobias Teller a Rev. soldier

March 11, 1800

[illegible] 1779.
His son died Nov. 1st 1825
From family Bi

51 James Lawrence Ridgway at Sea
born 1804, drowned
in Atlantic Ocean Jan. 185
Married Sarah Maria
Skidmore (see page 5
d. of Hubbard Skidmore
His son

52 Frank Ridgway born June
1840, died April 6, 191
Married Mary Helen Ra
June 12, 1862 -
Was surgeon of 74th N.
V. Infantry & present
at 22 battles of the
Civil War. Member
Third Corps, Army of
the Potomac.

For mention of surgeon Frank Ridgway's war record, see Burns' Report, Rebellion Record, vol. XII, part 2, page 453.

53 Yes daughter
Mary Nacy Ridgway

Supposed to [illegible] arms of
Eagles' wings on table ground, Ar.
Two white falcons, ppr. [illegible], [illegible]
and belled Ar. Each gorged with a
plain collar per fess, Gules and
Argent, and charged with three
roses counterchanged, barbed [illegible],
seeded Ar.

Tobias Teller and Isabella Neely
were married by Rev. Nathan Kerr
Jan. 10th, 1779. From records of
the First Presbyterian Church in
Goshen, New York.

References - Genealogy of New Jersey
~~Vol. V. p. 102~~ Vol. III p. 1173
See "American ancestry
Vol. V. p. 102.

Ridgway

Richard R. was appointed
Judge of Burlington Co. N.J.
Aug 8 - 1700 & held office till
April 1720.

The ship "Fortune" arrived at
Noyes Haven (Egg Harbor) from
Holland in 1614.

Lawrence Line.

Sir Robert Lawrence of Ashton Hall. Family name was Laurens of Montpelier, in Languedoc. Fitz Lawrence a Captain of William the Conqueror is on roll of Battle Abbey. Family settled in Lancashire from time of Norman Conquest. Robert Lawrence went with Richard I to the Holy Land and at the siege of St. Jean d'Acre in Syria, A.D. 1191 was the first to plant the banner of the Cross on the walls of Acre. He was there knighted by Richard Coeur de Lion. Arms, a cross ragaly, Gules, on a silver field

...ce
Solus.

Crest, the tail & lower part of a fish (demi dolphin turbot) Motto In Cruce Sal

Robert's son

2 Sir Robert Lawrence married a daughter of James Frafford of Lancashire

His son

3 Sir James Lawrence married in 1252 Matilda de Washington, daughter of John Washington and through her as sole heiress obtained the manors of Washington & Sedgwick. Matilda was born about 1230.

Exitus acta probat

Their son

4 Sir John married in 1283 Margaret Chesford of Lancashire. Sir John Lawrence bore Lawrence

and Washington arms.
His son
Sir Edmund of Ashton Hall
Summoned to Parliament
as baron. Arms; Quarterly
1st & 4th argent, cross
raguly gules; 2nd & 3rd
Sir Elizabeth Holt of Stapley, Lancashire
argent, two bars gules.
In chief three mullets, gules.
Died about 1360.
His son
Sir Robert Lawrence of Ashton Hall.
Escheator of Lancashire
9th Henry V - A.D. 1420
5th & 7th Henry VI
Sir Robert was in French
wars with Henry V
At Agincourt 1415 to 1417
Also 1419; 1427; 1429
Also in Battle of Orleans
Sir Robert married Margaret
Holden of Lancashire.
Their son
Sir Robert Lawrence of Ashton Hall

married in 1414, Amphilo
Longford d. of Edward Longford
Their son
Sir Robert married Margaret
daughter of John Lawrence
of Rixton, Lancashire a
Mary de Welles.
Sir Robert Lawrence
was slain at the battle
of Bosworth Field,
fighting on the Lancast
side with Henry of
Richmond. His arms w
the ragged Cross of
Crucifixion on a whit
field.
His third son
William Lawrence married
Isabel, daughter of
John Molyneaux, Esq.

of Chorley, Lancashire.
In 1509 William Lawrence
sold his Lancashire property
and bought large amounts
of land in Gloucestershire,
Somersetshire, and two
manors in Worcestershire.
His son (10) Edward whose son
was
John Lawrence. Died in 1538,
buried in Abbey of Ramsey
where his uncle, John
Lawrence was abbot from
1507 to 1539, when Abbey
was abolished by Henry VIII
His son
2 William Lawrence of St. Ives,
Huntingdonshire.
High Sheriff of Cambridge
Shire and Huntingdonshire
at death of Queen Mary.
Married Frances Houston
of London, Nottinghamshire

13 His son
Henry Lawrence of St. Ives
married Elizabeth
Hagar of Bourne Castle,
Cambridgeshire.
Died about 1626-

14 His second son
William Lawrence married
Joan Brooke at
St Stephen's Church,
St. Albans, Feb. 16 - 161
or 1618. Died about 16

15 His son
Capt. and after Major
Thomas Lawrence
born at Great St. Albans
Hertfordshire 1619.
Came to U.S.A. about
1635. Died in 1703

[illegible] of Newtown 1659-1662. Patentee of Newtown [illegible]
of [illegible] 16-1666

His son

William Lawrence — One of council of Gov. Leisler [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

He was a Major

Const. of Dragoons, one of Committee of Safety, One of Ford Commonwealth Council

Married in 1674

Annetje Edsall d. of Samuel Edsall.

His son

William Lawrence married May 26, 1727, Elizabeth Hallet — Will dated Dec. 3 Died Dec. 11 - 1731

His son

Dr. James Lawrence — b. Mar. 1 - 17[illegible]

married Nov 29. 1753

Ann Jandine, daughter of Charles Jandine

Wife d. Nov. 15 - 1807. He d. in N. S. Jan. [illegible]

His daughter

Sarah Lawrence married

b. Feb. 27 - 1759. d. Feb. 1823 ~~James Lawrence~~ Joseph Ridgway

Her son

Joseph Ridgway married Mary Neely Seller

His son

20 James Lawrence Ridgway

married Sarah Maria

Skidmore

Their son

21 Frank Ridgway married

Mary Ellen Macey

Their daughter

25 Mary Macey Ridgway.

Titus.

Robert Titus 1600
came to America 1635
Abiel Titus removed to L. I. with his father, Robert, in 1654. (B. 1640 - d. 1736)
John Titus, born in Huntington, L. I. April 9, 1684. was Colonial Captain of Militia.
John Titus, 1721-1751 married Susannah Rogers.
Mary Titus - 1747-1799 married Zophar Sidmore Rev. soldier
(See p. 54)

Huntington Town Records - 1683-1684 show Abiel Titus as "overseer", "constable", "surveyor", etc. In 1684, he, with Thomas Powell, ran the boundary line between the towns of Oyster Bay & Huntington)
From letter of Edmund D. Titus. Apr. 14 - 1920.

Kacey

Samuel Kacey m. Hannah
their son was

James Kacey born Oct 10th 1755
died July 17, 1809.
Married Jane Simpson (?) who
died Feb. 2, 1798, aged 44 years
and 11 months. They lived in
Bath Somerset Co. England.
They had five sons & five
daughters.

Charles, b. Oct. 28, 1779
James Jr, b. July 15, 1781
John " May 24, 1783
Susanna " " 2, 1785
Elizabeth " Dec. 15, 1787
Benjamin " July 2, 1789
Thomas " Dec. 24, 1791
Ann " Dec 5, 1793
Henry " Nov 3, 1795
Jane

Kacey.

arms - Quarterly or and sable. on a bend gules three martlets of the first and on a chief argent a label of five points ermine.
Crest :- A seal's head, couped. (?)
Rank :- Burgess - (?)

2 Charles Kacey of the Kaceys of Bath, Somerset Co. England came to this country in 1805. He was a member of the English Volunteers, and a miniature of him in a red uniform is owned by a descendant. His family were squires who lived in their estates for three hundred years. He married Eliza Hiscock and had five children - 1 Charles - (d. young) 3. Charles Edwin 4. Clarissa Emma 2 Eliza 5 William Henry.
Charles Kacey was born Oct. 28, 17.. and died on Staten Island in 1825 from a form of ship fever epidemic there on S. I. and is

buried [illegible]
[illegible] Richmond [illegible] His wife
[illegible] Hancock is buried [illegible]
She died Dec. 18th 1848. Will dated June 25 1846. Probated Mar. 1 1849
the same tombstone.
Stone only mentions Charles Kacey
a native of England.
His eldest son
Charles Edwin Kacey
born Dec. 22, 1810 in New
York City died at Kossuth
[illegible] on March [illegible] 18[illegible]
His wife was Mary Cuberley
daughter of Isaac Cuberley and
they were m. in 1838. March
Their daughter
Mary Helen Kacey, m. Frank
Ridgway.

Journeay -

From Morris' History of S.I. -

1. Mollart Journee came to America in April, 1663 in ship "Spotted Cow" from Rays de Vaud, France.

From Riker's History of Harlem.

Meynard Journee, born in Mardyk, France came to Harlem & then to S.I. He settled with - Bogert in Brooklyn, joined the church there April 9th 1664 and on June 2nd 1664 married Elizabeth de Mont, a young lady born at Middleburg. Journee held honorable place in the town government of Harlem resigning that of magistrate to remove to S.I. toward the close of 1676, having sold his house & bothery for 2700 gl. - March 26, 1677 he bought 80 acres on S.I. He died Jan 30th, 1678.

- His only son was

II - John Journeay who married Elizabeth Lewis in Jan 1703. Jan 8th John Journeay bought & sold land on S.I. in 1700. His son

III - Peter Journeay had a daughter m. Audrey Osborne in 1735

~~[illegible] who married [illegible]~~

~~[illegible] [illegible] June 4~~

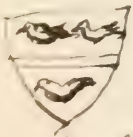
1797

Berkeley

Cobberley

Hardwicke thought by ancient writers
to be son of King of Denmark
Gf his son was given manor
Ggf of Cobberley by William the
Conqueror & said manor is
named in Domesday Survey
His son was
Sir Roger de Berchelai of
Cobberley & many other manors. from
the place of Birches
His son was
Sir Roger II
His son was
Sir Roger III who lived in 1144
& gave a church to the Priory
of Stanley St Leonards.
Lord holder of Cobberley Manor
William is debited on Gloucestershire
Pipe Roll, 100 s. "for having
the right to a fee which
Roger holds." This fee
is Cobberley.

William [illegible] in [illegible]
King Stephen & Maude &
received manor of Eberfield
in Worcestershire & manor
of Chilcote in Derbyshire
Was son was
Sir Roger de Berkeley of Dursley.
Another son was Roger.
Sir Giles de Berkeley bore arms
Quarterly or & azure, a baston
gules. (from Harleian [illegible]
in British Museum Roll [illegible]
1262-1292)
Was son
Sir Thomas de Berkeley
argent, a fesse sable between
3 martlets of the last. As
shown in Cobberley [illegible]



Thomas de Berkeley, Lord of Cobberley
was called Thomas de
Berkeley dominus de Cobberley
in Sheriff of Gloucestershire
1330. [illegible] his mo of
Cobberley [illegible] purposes.

Thomas de Berkeley Cobberly
Knight at Crecy, August 27,
1346.
married 2nd wife Joan, d. of Geoffr
de Archer of Stoke Mtr. was at battle of
Poitiers Sept. 19, 1356. Died after
Michaelmas 1364. aged 75.
Sir Thomas de Berkeley de Cobberly,
Chevalier. Last of name who
held Cobberley Manor. Died on
Palm Sunday, April 12, 1405.
"His younger brothers inherited in
lands." From one of these
younger brothers" is descended
Isaac Cobberley of The Cedars, S. J.
came from Middlesex, E. New Jersey, in 1761.
He was born Jan. 22, 1786 - Hooper 174
Their son was
Isaac Cobberley born March 17, 1776
was sheriff of Richmond Co. in 1796
Died August 22 1841.
Married Elizabeth Broughton
Their daughter
Mary Cobberley m. Charles E. Kacey
she was born March 18 1813
died Nov 25 1900.
Their daughter
Mary Helen Kacey m. Frank Keyes
June 12, 1862.

Broughton

Arms - argent 2 bars gules on a canton of the second a cross of the first. Crest: a sea dog's head [illegible] [illegible] eared & finned [illegible] [illegible] hand [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of Broughton - [illegible] [illegible] time of Henry VI.

Brian Broughton m. Elizabeth [illegible] Broughton of [illegible], son of Thomas Broughton [illegible] Broughton Hall. [illegible] [illegible] 1660. [illegible] [illegible] m. [illegible] [illegible] Notts.

Broughton m. — Bell [illegible] came to this country [illegible]

His daughter [illegible] — [illegible] m. Isaac Converey

Their daughter Mary Converey m. [illegible]

Their daughter [illegible] m. [illegible]

MC Conn -

1. Thomas MC Conn - born Aug. 31 - 1696
Children: - Mary
Barnaculus
Gilbert
Marcellus
Hannah
Justice
Thomas
x William

2. William MC Conn, born Aug. 28 - 1751
Died March 3 - 1818
M. Sarah Townsend, born Nov. 18. 17[illegible]
Children: - Hannah x
Phoebe
William J. (see Chunca[illegible]
Abigail
Daniel
Sydney
Margery

3. Hannah MC Conn, born, Sept. 16 - 1781
Died, Feb. 12 - 1815
Married Hubbard Skidmore
(see p. 56.)

Townsend —
Family from Norwich Norfolk Co. Eng.
came in or about 1642. Family place
called "Raynham Hall"

John Townsend Com of 3 brothers John
Henry & Richard) wife Elizabeth

His son
George Townsend, b. in Oyster Bay,
L. I. in 1661. married Mary
Hawkshurst.

their son
3. Samuel Townsend, b. 1692.
married Sarah, dau. of Dr.
Robert Cooper, first physician
setting in Oyster Bay.

their son
4. Joseph Townsend, b. 1728
married Hannah Youngs who
died in 1761. Children: — Daniel, x Sarah &
Joseph.

5. Sarah Townsend, m. William McCoun b. Nov. 10, 1755
children: — x Hannah, Phoebe, Daniel
William T., Sydney, & Margery.

6. Hannah McCoun, b. Sept. 16. 1781
died Feb 12. 1815
married Hubbard S Redmore

Townsend.

(see p. 56)

Az. a chevron ermine between
3 escallops, or —

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